

Big Book

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1. GRE Big Book Test 1 Section 1 no.1

Nonviolent demonstrations often create such tensions that a community that has constantly refused to _____ its injustices is forced to correct them: the injustices can no longer be _____.

- (A) acknowledge ... ignored
- (B) decrease ... verified
- (C) tolerate ... accepted
- (D) address ... eliminated
- (E) explain ... discussed

2. GRE Big Book Test 1 Section 1 no.2

Since 1813 reaction to Jane Austen's novels has oscillated between _____ and condescension; but in general later writers have esteemed her works more highly than did most of her literary _____.

- (A) dismissal ... admirers
- (B) adoration ... contemporaries
- (C) disapproval ... readers
- (D) indifference ... followers
- (E) approbation ... precursors

3. GRE Big Book Test 1 Section 1 no.3

There are, as yet, no vegetation types or ecosystems whose study has been _____ to the extent that they no longer _____ ecologists.

- (A) perfected ... hinder
- (B) exhausted ... interest
- (C) prolonged ... require
- (D) prevented ... challenge
- (E) delayed ... benefit

4. GRE Big Book Test 1 Section 1 no.4

Under ethical guidelines recently adopted by the National Institutes of Health, human genes are to be manipulated only to correct diseases for which _____ treatments are unsatisfactory.

- (A) similar
- (B) most
- (C) dangerous
- (D) uncommon
- (E) alternative

5. GRE Big Book Test 1 Section 1 no.5

It was her view that the country's problems had been _____ by foreign technocrats, so that to invite them to come back would be counterproductive.

- (A) foreseen
- (B) attacked
- (C) ascertained
- (D) exacerbated
- (E) analyzed

6. GRE Big Book Test 1 Section 1 no.6

Winsor McCay, the cartoonist, could draw with incredible _____: his comic strip about Little Nemo was characterized by marvelous draftsmanship and sequencing.

- (A) sincerity
- (B) efficiency
- (C) virtuosity
- (D) rapidity
- (E) energy

7. GRE Big Book Test 1 Section 1 no.7

The actual _____ of Wilson's position was always _____ by his refusal to compromise after having initially agreed to negotiate a settlement.

- (A) outcome ... foreshadowed
- (B) logic ... enhanced
- (C) rigidity ... betrayed
- (D) uncertainty ... alleviated
- (E) cowardice ... highlighted

ABBED CC

8. GRE Big Book Test 1 Section 2 no.1

The senator's reputation, though _____ by false allegations of misconduct, emerged from the ordeal _____.

- (A) shaken ... unscathed
- (B) destroyed ... intact
- (C) damaged ... impaired
- (D) impugned ... unclear
- (E) tarnished ... sullied

9. GRE Big Book Test 1 Section 2 no.2

This poetry is not _____; it is more likely to appeal to an international audience than is poetry with strictly regional themes.

- (A) familiar
- (B) democratic
- (C) technical
- (D) complex
- (E) provincial

10. GRE Big Book Test 1 Section 2 no.3

Experienced employers recognize that business students who can _____ different points of view are ultimately more effective as managers than are the brilliant and original students who _____ dogmatically to their own formulations.

- (A) discredit ... revert
- (B) assimilate ... adhere
- (C) impose ... refer
- (D) disregard ... incline
- (E) advocate ... relate

11. GRE Big Book Test 1 Section 2 no.4

Poe's _____ reviews of contemporary fiction, which often find great merit in otherwise _____ literary gems, must make us respect his critical judgment in addition to his well-known literary talent.

- (A) thorough ... completed
- (B) petulant ... unpopular
- (C) insightful ... unappreciated
- (D) enthusiastic ... acclaimed
- (E) harsh ... undeserving

12. GRE Big Book Test 1 Section 2 no.5

The significance of the Magna Carta lies not in its _____ provisions, but in its broader impact: it made the king subject to the law.

- (A) specific
- (B) revolutionary
- (C) implicit
- (D) controversial
- (E) finite

13. GRE Big Book Test 1 Section 2 no.6

The theory of cosmic evolution states that the universe, having begun in a state of simplicity and _____, has _____ into great variety.

- (A) equilibrium ... modulated
- (B) homogeneity ... differentiated
- (C) contrast ... metamorphosed
- (D) proportion ... accelerated
- (E) intelligibility ... developed

14. GRE Big Book Test 1 Section 2 no.7

Not wishing to appear _____, the junior member of the research group refrained from _____ any criticism of the senior members' plan for dividing up responsibility for the entire project.

- (A) reluctant ... evaluating
- (B) inquisitive ... offering
- (C) presumptuous ... venturing
- (D) censorious ... undercutting
- (E) moralistic ... observing

AEBCA BC

15. GRE Big Book Test 2 Section 1 no.1

In the British theater young people under thirty-five have not had much _____ getting recognition onstage, but offstage—in the ranks of playwrights, directors, designers, administrators—they have mostly been relegated to relative obscurity.

- (A) trouble
- (B) satisfaction
- (C) curiosity about
- (D) success at
- (E) fear of

16. GRE Big Book Test 2 Section 1 no.2

An institution concerned about its reputation is at the mercy of the actions of its members; because the misdeeds of individuals are often used to _____ the institutions of which they are a part.

- (A) reform
- (B) coerce
- (C) honor
- (D) discredit
- (E) intimidate

17. GRE Big Book Test 2 Section 1 no.3

Since many casual smokers develop lung cancer and many _____ smokers do not, scientists believe that individuals differ in their _____ the cancer-causing agents known to be present in cigarette smoke.

- (A) heavy ... susceptibility to
- (B) chronic ... concern about
- (C) habitual ... proximity to
- (D) devoted ... reliance upon
- (E) regular ... exposure to

18. GRE Big Book Test 2 Section 1 no.4

We accepted the theory that as people become more independent of one another, they begin to feel so isolated and lonely that freedom becomes _____ condition that most will seek to _____.

- (A) a permanent ... postpone
- (B) a common ... enter
- (C) a negative ... escape
- (D) a political ... impose
- (E) an irreparable ... avoid

19. GRE Big Book Test 2 Section 1 no.5

If animal parents were judged by human standards, the cuckoo would be one of nature's more _____ creatures, blithely laying its eggs in the nests of other birds, and leaving the incubating and nurturing to them.

- (A) mettlesome
- (B) industrious
- (C) domestic
- (D) lackluster
- (E) feckless

20. GRE Big Book Test 2 Section 1 no.6

The current penchant for _____ a product by denigrating a rival, named in the advertisement by brand name, seems somewhat _____: suppose the consumer remembers only the rival's name?

- (A) criticizing ... inefficient
- (B) touting ... foolhardy
- (C) enhancing ... insipid
- (D) evaluating ... cumbersome
- (E) flaunting ... gullible

21. GRE Big Book Test 2 Section 1 no.7

His imperturbability in the face of evidence indicating his deliberate fraud failed to reassure supporters of his essential _____; instead, it suggested a talent for _____ that they had never suspected.

- (A) culpability.... intrigue
- (B) wisdom ... reproof
- (C) remorse ... loquacity
- (D) probity ... guile
- (E) combativeness ... compromise

ADACE BD

22. GRE Big Book Test 2 Section 2 no.1

Although providing wild chimpanzees with food makes them less _____ and easier to study, it is also known to _____ their normal social patterns.

- (A) interesting ... reinforce
- (B) manageable ... upset
- (C) shy ... disrupt
- (D) poised ... inhibit
- (E) accessible ... retard

23. GRE Big Book Test 2 Section 2 no.2

There is something _____ about the way the building of monasteries proliferated in eighteenth-century Bavaria, while in the rest of the Western world religious ardor was _____ and church building was consequently declining.

- (A) enigmatic ... coalescing.
- (B) destructive ... changing
- (C) immutable ... dissipating
- (D) incongruous ... diminishing
- (E) momentous ... diversifying

24. GRE Big Book Test 2 Section 2 no.3

Because they had various meanings in nineteenth century biological thought, “mechanism” and “vitalism” ought not to be considered _____ terms; thus, I find the recent insistence that the terms had single definitions to be entirely _____.

- (A) univocal ... erroneous
- (B) problematic ... anachronistic
- (C) intractable ... obtuse
- (D) congruent ... suspect
- (E) multifaceted ... vapid

25. GRE Big Book Test 2 Section 2 no.4

Many Americans believe that individual initiative epitomized the 1890's and see the entrepreneur as the _____ of that age.

- (A) caricature
- (B) salvation
- (C) throwback
- (D) aberration
- (E) personification

26. GRE Big Book Test 2 Section 2 no.5

Neither the ideas of philosophers nor the practices of ordinary people can, by themselves, _____ reality; what in fact changes reality and kindles revolution is the _____ of the two.

- (A) constitute ... divergence
- (B) affect ... aim
- (C) transform ... interplay
- (D) preserve ... conjunction
- (E) alter ... intervention

27. GRE Big Book Test 2 Section 2 no.6

There has been a tendency among art historians not so much to revise as to eliminate the concept of the Renaissance — to _____ not only its uniqueness, but its very existence.

- (A) explain
- (B) extol
- (C) transmute
- (D) regret
- (E) contest

28. GRE Big Book Test 2 Section 2 no.7

Employees had become so inured to the caprices of top management's personnel policies that they greeted the announcement of a company-wide dress code with _____.

- (A) astonishment
- (B) impassivity
- (C) resentment
- (D) apprehension
- (E) confusion

CDAEC EB

29. GRE Big Book Test 3 Section 1 no.1

Although the feeding activities of whales and walrus give the seafloor of the Bering Shelf a devastated appearance, these activities seem to be actually _____ to the area, _____ its productivity.

- (A) destructive ... counterbalancing
- (B) rehabilitative ... diminishing
- (C) beneficial ... enhancing
- (D) detrimental ... redirecting
- (E) superfluous ... encumbering

30. GRE Big Book Test 3 Section 1 no.2

In an age without radio or recordings, an age _____ by print, fiction gained its greatest ascendancy.

- (A) decimated
- (B) denigrated
- (C) dominated
- (D) emphasized
- (E) resurrected

31. GRE Big Book Test 3 Section 1 no.3

Scientist's pristine reputation as devotees of the disinterested pursuit of truth has been _____ by recent evidence that some scientists have deliberately _____ experimental results to further their own careers.

- (A) reinforced ... published
- (B) validated ... suppressed
- (C) exterminated ... replicated
- (D) compromised ... fabricated
- (E) resuscitated ... challenged

32. GRE Big Book Test 3 Section 1 no.4

Although Johnson's and Smith's initial fascination with the fortunes of those jockeying for power in the law firm _____ after a few months, the two paid sufficient attention to determine who their lunch partner should be.

- (A) revived
- (B) emerged
- (C) intensified
- (D) flagged
- (E) persisted

33. GRE Big Book Test 3 Section 1 no.5

A war, even if fought for individual liberty and democratic rights, usually requires that these principles be _____, for they are _____ the regimentation and discipline necessary for military efficiency.

- (A) espoused ... contrary to
- (B) suppressed ... fulfilled through
- (C) suspended ... incompatible with
- (D) followed ... disruptive of
- (E) rejected ... inherent in

34. GRE Big Book Test 3 Section 1 no.6

To test the _____ of borrowing from one field of study to enrich another, simply investigate the extent to which terms from the one may, without forcing, be _____ the other.

- (A) risk ... confused with
- (B) universality ... applied to
- (C) decorum ... illuminated by
- (D) rate ... superseded by
- (E) efficacy ... utilized by

35. GRE Big Book Test 3 Section 1 no.7

The English novelist William Thackeray considered the cult of the criminal so dangerous that he criticized Dickens' *Oliver Twist* for making the characters in the thieves' kitchen so _____.

- (A) threatening
- (B) riveting
- (C) conniving
- (D) fearsome
- (E) irritating

CCDDC EB

36. GRE Big Book Test 3 Section 2 no.1

The discovery that, friction excluded, all bodies fall at the same rate is so simple to state and to grasp that there is a tendency to _____ its significance.

- (A) underrate
- (B) control
- (C) reassess
- (D) praise
- (E) eliminate

37. GRE Big Book Test 3 Section 2 no.2

Their mutual teasing seemed _____, but in fact it _____ a long-standing hostility.

- (A) aimless ... produced
- (B) friendly ... masked
- (C) playful ... contravened
- (D) bitter ... revealed
- (E) clever ... averted

38. GRE Big Book Test 3 Section 2 no.3

Noting that few employees showed any _____ for complying with the corporation's new safety regulations, Peterson was forced to conclude that acceptance of the regulations would be _____, at best.

- (A) aptitude ... unavoidable
- (B) regard ... indeterminate
- (C) respect ... negotiable
- (D) patience ... imminent
- (E) enthusiasm ... grudging

39. GRE Big Book Test 3 Section 2 no.4

It has been argued that politics as _____, whatever its transcendental claims, has always been the systematic organization of common hatreds.

- (A) a theory
- (B) an ideal
- (C) a practice
- (D) a contest
- (E) an enigma

40. GRE Big Book Test 3 Section 2 no.5

In many science fiction films, the opposition of good and evil is portrayed as a _____ between technology, which is _____, and the errant will of a depraved intellectual.

- (A) fusion ... useful
- (B) struggle ... dehumanizing
- (C) parallel ... unfettered
- (D) conflict ... beneficent
- (E) similarity ... malevolent

41. GRE Big Book Test 3 Section 2 no.6

Although scientists claim that the seemingly _____ language of their reports is more precise than the figurative language of fiction, the language of science, like all language, is inherently _____.

- (A) ornamental ... subtle
- (B) unidimensional ... unintelligible
- (C) symbolic ... complex
- (D) literal ... allusive
- (E) subjective ... metaphorical

42. GRE Big Book Test 3 Section 2 no.7

In recent decades the idea that Cezanne influenced Cubism has been caught in the _____ between art historians who credit Braque with its invention and those who _____ Picasso.

- (A) crossfire ... tout
- (B) interplay ... advocate
- (C) paradox ... prefer
- (D) deliberation ... attribute
- (E) tussle ... substitute

ABECD DA

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43. GRE Big Book Test 4 Section 1 no.1

Although adolescent maturational and developmental states occur in an orderly sequence, their timing _____ with regard to onset and duration.

- (A) lasts
- (B) varies
- (C) falters
- (D) accelerates
- (E) dwindles

44. GRE Big Book Test 4 Section 1 no.2

Many of the earliest colonial houses that are still standing have been so modified and enlarged that the _____ design is no longer

- (A) pertinent ... relevant
- (B) intended ... necessary
- (C) embellished ... attractive
- (D) appropriate ... applicable
- (E) initial ... discernible

45. GRE Big Book Test 4 Section 1 no.3

While the delegate clearly sought to _____ the optimism that has emerged recently, she stopped short of suggesting that the conference was near collapse and might produce nothing of significance.

- (A) substantiate
- (B) dampen
- (C) encourage
- (D) elucidate
- (E) rekindle

46. GRE Big Book Test 4 Section 1 no.4

The old man could not have been accused of _____ his affection; his conduct toward the child betrayed his _____ her.

- (A) lavishing ... fondness for
- (B) sparing ... tolerance of
- (C) rationing ... antipathy for
- (D) stinting ... adoration of
- (E) promising ... dislike of

47. GRE Big Book Test 4 Section 1 no.5

A leading chemist believes that many scientists have difficulty with stereochemistry because much of the relevant nomenclature is _____, in that it combines concepts that should be kept _____.

- (A) obscure ... interrelated
- (B) specialized ... intact
- (C) subtle ... inviolate
- (D) descriptive ... separate
- (E) imprecise ... discrete

48. GRE Big Book Test 4 Section 1 no.6

Among the many _____ of the project, expense cannot be numbered; the goals of the project's promoters can be achieved with impressive _____.

- (A) highlights ... efficiency
- (B) features ... savings
- (C) disadvantages ... innovation
- (D) claims ... speed
- (E) defects ... economy

49. GRE Big Book Test 4 Section 1 no.7

Though science is often imagined as a _____ exploration of external reality, scientists are no different from anyone else: they are _____ human beings enmeshed in a web of personal and social circumstances.

- (A) fervent ... vulnerable
- (B) neutral ... rational
- (C) painstaking ... careless
- (D) disinterested ... passionate
- (E) cautious ... dynamic

BEBDE ED

50. GRE Big Book Test 4 Section 2 no.1

Social scientists have established fairly clear-cut _____ that describe the appropriate behavior of children and adults, but there seems to be _____ about what constitutes appropriate behavior for adolescents.

- (A) functions ... rigidity
- (B) estimates ... indirectness
- (C) norms ... confusion
- (D) regulations ... certainty
- (E) studies ... misapprehension

51. GRE Big Book Test 4 Section 2 no.2

As long as nations cannot themselves accumulate enough physical power to dominate all others, they must depend on _____.

- (A) allies
- (B) resources
- (C) freedom
- (D) education
- (E) self-determination

52. GRE Big Book Test 4 Section 2 no.3

We realized that John was still young and impressionable, but were nevertheless surprised at his _____.

- (A) naïveté
- (B) obstinateness
- (C) decisiveness
- (D) ingeniousness
- (E) resolve

53. GRE Big Book Test 4 Section 2 no.4

Although Mount Saint Helens has been more _____ during the last 4,500 years than any other volcano in the coterminous United States, its long dormancy before its recent eruption _____ its violent nature.

- (A) awe-inspiring ... restrained
- (B) gaseous ... confirmed
- (C) explosive ... belied
- (D) familiar ... moderated
- (E) volatile ... suggested

54. GRE Big Book Test 4 Section 2 no.5

Changes of fashion and public taste are often _____ and resistant to analysis, and yet they are among the most _____ gauges of the state of the public's collective consciousness.

- (A) transparent ... useful
- (B) ephemeral ... sensitive
- (C) faddish ... underutilized
- (D) arbitrary ... problematic
- (E) permanent ... reliable

55. GRE Big Book Test 4 Section 2 no.6

The poet W. H. Auden believed that the greatest poets of his age were almost necessarily irresponsible, that the possession of great gifts _____ the _____ to abuse them.

- (A) negates ... temptation
- (B) controls ... resolution
- (C) engenders ... propensity
- (D) tempers ... proclivity
- (E) obviates ... inclination

56. GRE Big Book Test 4 Section 2 no.7

The self-important cant of musicologists on record jackets often suggests that true appreciation of the music is an _____ process closed to the uninitiated listener, however enthusiastic.

- (A) unreliable
- (B) arcane
- (C) arrogant
- (D) elementary
- (E) intuitive

CAACB CB

57. GRE Big Book Test 5 Section 1 no.1

Heavily perfumed white flowers, such as gardenias, were favorites with collectors in the eighteenth century, when _____ was valued much more highly than it is today.

- (A) scent
- (B) beauty
- (C) elegance
- (D) color
- (E) variety

58. GRE Big Book Test 5 Section 1 no.2

In a most impressive demonstration, Pavarotti sailed through Verdi's "Celeste Aida", normally a tenor's _____, with the casual enthusiasm of a folk singer performing one of his favorite _____.

- (A) pitfall ... recitals
- (B) glory ... chorales
- (C) nightmare ... ballads
- (D) delight ... chanteys
- (E) routine ... composers

59. GRE Big Book Test 5 Section 1 no.3

Dependence on foreign sources of heavy metals, though _____, remains _____ for United States foreign policy.

- (A) deepening ... a challenge
- (B) diminishing ... a problem
- (C) excessive ... a dilemma
- (D) debilitating ... an embarrassment
- (E) unavoidable ... a precedent

60. GRE Big Book Test 5 Section 1 no.4

Cynics believe that people who _____ compliments do so in order to be praised twice.

- (A) bask in
- (B) give out
- (C) despair of
- (D) gloat over
- (E) shrug off

61. GRE Big Book Test 5 Section 1 no.5

Although nothing could be further from the truth, freight railroads have been _____ of _____ the nation's shift from oil to coal by charging exorbitant fees to transport coal.

- (A) accused ... impeding
- (B) proud ... accelerating
- (C) guilty ... delaying
- (D) conscious ... contributing to
- (E) wary ... interfering with

62. GRE Big Book Test 5 Section 1 no.6

Although the revelation that one of the contestants was a friend left the judge open to charges of lack of _____, the judge remained adamant in her assertion that acquaintance did not necessarily imply _____.

- (A) prudence ... tolerance
- (B) detachment ... foreknowledge
- (C) exoneration ... impropriety
- (D) prejudice ... preference
- (E) disinterestedness ... partiality

63. GRE Big Book Test 5 Section 1 no.7

Within the next decade, sophisticated telescopes now orbiting the Earth will determine whether the continents really are moving, _____ the incipient _____ among geologists about the validity of the theory of continental drift.

- (A) obviating ... consensus
- (B) forestalling ... rift
- (C) escalating ... debates
- (D) engendering ... speculation
- (E) resolving ... rumors

ACBEA EB

64. GRE Big Book Test 5 Section 2 no.1

The commissions criticized the legislature for making college attendance dependent on the ability to pay, charging that, as a result, hundreds of qualified young people would be _____ further education.

- (A) entitled to
- (B) striving for
- (C) deprived of
- (D) uninterested in
- (E) participating in

65. GRE Big Book Test 5 Section 2 no.2

In most Native American cultures, an article used in prayer or ritual is made with extraordinary attention to and richness of detail: it is decorated more _____ than a similar article intended for _____ use.

- (A) delicately ... vocational
- (B) colorfully ... festive
- (C) creatively ... religious
- (D) subtly ... commercial
- (E) lavishly ... everyday

66. GRE Big Book Test 5 Section 2 no.3

Having no sense of moral obligation, Shipler was as little subject to the _____ of conscience after he acted as he was motivated by its _____ before he acted.

- (A) rewards ... chastisement
- (B) balm ... eloquence
- (C) reproaches ... promptings
- (D) ridicule ... allure
- (E) qualms ... atonement

67. GRE Big Book Test 5 Section 2 no.4

Freud derived psychoanalytic knowledge of childhood indirectly: he _____ childhood processes from adult _____.

- (A) reconstructed ... memory
- (B) condoned ... experience
- (C) incorporated ... behavior
- (D) released ... monotony
- (E) inferred ... anticipation

68. GRE Big Book Test 5 Section 2 no.5

While she initially suffered the fate of many pioneers – the incomprehension of her colleagues – octogenarian Nobel laureate Barbara McClintock has lived to _____ the triumph of her once _____ scientific theories.

- (A) descry innovative
- (B) regret insignificant
- (C) perpetuate tentative
- (D) enjoy authoritative
- (E) savor heterodox

69. GRE Big Book Test 5 Section 2 no.6

Broadway audiences have become inured to _____ and so _____ to be pleased as to make their ready ovations meaningless as an indicator of the quality of the production before them.

- (A) sentimentality ... reluctant
- (B) condescension ... disinclined
- (C) histrionics ... unlikely
- (D) cleverness ... eager
- (E) mediocrity ... desperate

70. GRE Big Book Test 5 Section 2 no.7

Any language is a conspiracy against experience in the sense that it is a collective attempt to _____ experience by reducing it into discrete parcels.

- (A) extrapolate
- (B) transcribe
- (C) complicate
- (D) amplify
- (E) manage

CECAE EE

71. GRE Big Book Test 6 Section 1 no.1

By divesting himself of all regalities, the former king _____ the consideration that customarily protects monarchs.

- (A) merited
- (B) forfeited
- (C) debased
- (D) concealed
- (E) extended

72. GRE Big Book Test 6 Section 1 no.2

A perennial goal in zoology is to infer function from _____, relating the _____ of an organism to its physical form and cellular organization.

- (A) age ... ancestry
- (B) classification ... appearance
- (C) size ... movement
- (D) structure ... behavior
- (E) location ... habitat

73. GRE Big Book Test 6 Section 1 no.3

The sociologist responded to the charge that her new theory was _____ by pointing out that it did not in fact contradict accepted sociological principles.

- (A) banal
- (B) heretical
- (C) unproven
- (D) complex
- (E) superficial

74. GRE Big Book Test 6 Section 1 no.4

Industrialists seized economic power only after industry had _____ agriculture as the preeminent form of production; previously such power had _____ land ownership.

- (A) sabotaged ... threatened
- (B) overtaken ... produced
- (C) toppled ... culminated in
- (D) joined ... relied on
- (E) supplanted ... resided in

75. GRE Big Book Test 6 Section 1 no.5

Rumors, embroidered with detail, live on for years, neither denied nor confirmed, until they become accepted as fact even among people not known for their _____.

- (A) insight
- (B) obstinacy
- (C) introspection
- (D) tolerance
- (E) credulity

76. GRE Big Book Test 6 Section 1 no.6

No longer _____ by the belief that the world around us was expressly designed for humanity, many people try to find intellectual _____ for that lost certainty in astrology and in mysticism.

- (A) satisfied ... reasons
- (B) sustained ... substitutes
- (C) reassured ... justifications
- (D) hampered ... equivalents
- (E) restricted ... parallels

77. GRE Big Book Test 6 Section 1 no.7

People should not be praised for their virtue if they lack the energy to be _____; in such cases, goodness is merely the effect of _____.

- (A) depraved ... hesitation
- (B) cruel ... effortlessness
- (C) wicked ... indolence
- (D) unjust ... boredom
- (E) iniquitous ... impiety

BDBEE BC

78. GRE Big Book Test 6 Section 2 no.1

Animals that have tasted unpalatable plants tend to _____ them afterward on the basis of their most conspicuous features, such as their flowers.

- (A) recognize
- (B) hoard
- (C) trample
- (D) retrieve
- (E) approach

79. GRE Big Book Test 6 Section 2 no.2

As for the alleged value of expert opinion, one need only _____ government records to see _____ evidence of the failure of such opinions in many fields.

- (A) inspect ... questionable
- (B) retain ... circumstantial
- (C) distribute ... possible
- (D) consult ... strong
- (E) evaluate ... problematic

80. GRE Big Book Test 6 Section 2 no.3

In scientific inquiry, it becomes a matter of duty to expose a _____ hypothesis to every possible kind of _____.

- (A) tentative ... examination
- (B) debatable ... approximation
- (C) well-established ... rationalization
- (D) logical ... elaboration
- (E) suspect ... correlation

81. GRE Big Book Test 6 Section 2 no.4

Charlotte Salomon's biography is a reminder that the currents of private life, however diverted, dislodged, or twisted by _____ public events, retain their hold on the _____ recording them.

- (A) transitory ... culture
- (B) dramatic ... majority
- (C) overpowering ... individual
- (D) conventional ... audience
- (E) relentless ... institution

82. GRE Big Book Test 6 Section 2 no.5

Philosophical problems arise when people ask questions that, though very _____, have certain characteristics in common.

- (A) relevant
- (B) elementary
- (C) abstract
- (D) diverse
- (E) controversial

83. GRE Big Book Test 6 Section 2 no.6

Although Johnson _____ great enthusiasm for his employees' project, in reality his interest in the project was so _____ as to be almost non-existent.

- (A) generated ... redundant
- (B) displayed ... preemptive
- (C) expected ... indiscriminate
- (D) feigned ... perfunctory
- (E) demanded ... dispassionate

84. GRE Big Book Test 6 Section 2 no.7

Not all the indicators necessary to convey the effect of depth in a picture work simultaneously; the picture's illusion of _____ three-dimensional appearance must therefore result from the viewer's integration of various indicators perceived _____.

- (A) imitative ... coincidentally
- (B) uniform ... successively
- (C) temporary ... comprehensively
- (D) expressive ... sympathetically
- (E) schematic ... passively

ADACD DB

85. GRE Big Book Test 7 Section 1 no.1

Her _____ should not be confused with miserliness; as long as I have known her, she has always been willing to assist those who are in need.

- (A) intemperance
- (B) intolerance
- (C) apprehension
- (D) diffidence
- (E) frugality

86. GRE Big Book Test 7 Section 1 no.2

Natural selection tends to eliminate genes that cause inherited diseases, acting most strongly against the most severe diseases; consequently, hereditary diseases that are _____ would be expected to be very _____, but, surprisingly, they are not.

- (A) lethal ... rare
- (B) untreated ... dangerous
- (C) unusual ... refractory
- (D) new ... perplexing
- (E) widespread ... acute

87. GRE Big Book Test 7 Section 1 no.3

Unfortunately, his damaging attacks on the ramifications of the economic policy have been _____ by his wholehearted acceptance of that policy's underlying assumptions.

- (A) supplemented
- (B) undermined
- (C) wasted
- (D) diverted
- (E) redeemed

88. GRE Big Book Test 7 Section 1 no.4

During the opera's most famous aria the tempo chosen by the orchestra's conductor seemed _____, without necessary relation to what had gone before.

- (A) tedious
- (B) melodious
- (C) capricious
- (D) compelling
- (E) cautious

89. GRE Big Book Test 7 Section 1 no.5

In the machinelike world of classical physics, the human intellect appears _____, since the mechanical nature of classical physics does not _____ creative reasoning, the very ability that had made the formulation of classical principles possible.

- (A) anomalous ... allow for
- (B) abstract ... speak to
- (C) anachronistic ... deny
- (D) enduring ... value
- (E) contradictory ... exclude

90. GRE Big Book Test 7 Section 1 no.6

During the 1960's assessments of the family shifted remarkably, from general endorsement of it as a worthwhile, stable institution to widespread _____ it as an oppressive and bankrupt one whose _____ was both imminent and welcome.

- (A) flight from ... restitution
- (B) fascination with ... corruption
- (C) rejection of ... vogue
- (D) censure of ... dissolution
- (E) relinquishment of ... ascent

91. GRE Big Book Test 7 Section 1 no.7

Documenting science's _____ philosophy would be _____, since it is almost axiomatic that many philosophers use scientific concepts as the foundations for their speculations.

- (A) distrust of ... elementary
- (B) influence on ... superfluous
- (C) reliance on ... inappropriate
- (D) dependence on ... difficult
- (E) differences from ... impossible

EABCA DB

92. GRE Big Book Test 7 Section 2 no.1

The spellings of many Old English words have been _____ in the living language, although their pronunciations have changed.

- (A) preserved
- (B) shortened
- (C) preempted
- (D) revised
- (E) improved

93. GRE Big Book Test 7 Section 2 no.2

The sheer diversity of tropical plants represents a seemingly _____ source of raw materials, of which only a few have been utilized.

- (A) exploited
- (B) quantifiable
- (C) controversial
- (D) inexhaustible
- (E) remarkable

94. GRE Big Book Test 7 Section 2 no.3

For centuries animals have been used as _____ for people in experiments to assess the effects of therapeutic and other agents that might later be used in humans.

- (A) benefactors
- (B) companions
- (C) examples
- (D) precedents
- (E) surrogates

95. GRE Big Book Test 7 Section 2 no.4

Social tensions among adult factions can be _____ by politics, but adolescents and children have no such _____ for resolving their conflict with the exclusive world of adults.

- (A) intensified ... attitude
- (B) complicated ... relief
- (C) frustrated ... justification
- (D) adjusted ... mechanism
- (E) revealed ... opportunity

96. GRE Big Book Test 7 Section 2 no.5

The state is a network of exchanged benefits and beliefs, _____ between rulers and citizens based on those laws and procedures that are _____ to the maintenance of community.

- (A) a compromise ... inimical
- (B) an interdependence ... subsidiary
- (C) a counterpoint ... incidental
- (D) an equivalence ... prerequisite
- (E) a reciprocity ... conducive

97. GRE Big Book Test 7 Section 2 no.6

Far from viewing Jefferson as a skeptical but enlightened intellectual, historians of the 1960's portrayed him as _____ thinker, eager to fill the young with his political orthodoxy while censoring ideas he did not like.

- (A) an adventurous
- (B) a doctrinaire
- (C) an eclectic
- (D) a judicious
- (E) a cynical

98. GRE Big Book Test 7 Section 2 no.7

To have true disciples, a thinker must not be too _____: any effective intellectual leader depends on the ability of other people to _____ thought processes that did not originate with them.

- (A) popular ... dismiss
- (B) methodical ... interpret
- (C) idiosyncratic ... reenact
- (D) self-confident ... revitalize
- (E) pragmatic ... discourage

ADEDE BC

99. GRE Big Book Test 8 Section 1 no.1

Even though formidable winters are the norm in the Dakotas, many people were unprepared for the _____ of the blizzard of 1888.

- (A) inevitability
- B) ferocity
- (C) importance
- (D) probability
- (E) mildness

100. GRE Big Book Test 8 Section 1 no.2

As the first streamlined car, the Airflow represented a _____ in automotive development, and although its sales were _____, it had an immense influence on automobile design.

- (A) milestone ... disappointing
- (B) breakthrough ... significant
- (C) regression ... unimportant
- (D) misjudgment ... calculable
- (E) revolution ... tolerable

101. GRE Big Book Test 8 Section 1 no.3

While nurturing parents can compensate for adversity, cold or inconsistent parents may _____ it.

- (A) exacerbate
- (B) neutralize
- (C) eradicate
- (D) ameliorate
- (E) relieve

102. GRE Big Book Test 8 Section 1 no.4

The architects of New York's early skyscrapers, hinting here at a twelfth-century cathedral, there at a fifteenth-century palace, sought to legitimize the city's social strivings by _____ a history the city did not truly _____.

- (A) revealing ... deserve
- (B) displaying ... desire
- (C) evoking ... possess
- (D) preserving ... experience
- (E) flouting ... believe

103. GRE Big Book Test 8 Section 1 no.5

Actual events in the history of life on Earth are accidental in that any outcome embodies just one _____ among millions; yet each out-come can be _____ interpreted.

- (A) coincidence ... randomly
- (B) relationship ... predictably
- (C) fact ... readily
- (D) happening ... uniquely
- (E) possibility ... rationally

104. GRE Big Book Test 8 Section 1 no.6

Although some of her fellow scientists _____ the unorthodox laboratory methodology that others found innovative, unanimous praise greeted her experimental results: at once pioneering and _____.

- (A) ignored ... untrustworthy
- (B) complimented ... foreseeable
- (C) welcomed ... mundane
- (D) decried ... unexceptionable
- (E) attacked ... inconclusive

105. GRE Big Book Test 8 Section 1 no.7

Early critics of Emily Dickinson's poetry mistook for simplemindedness the surface of artlessness that in fact she constructed with such _____.

- (A) astonishment
- (B) vexation
- (C) allusion
- (D) innocence
- (E) cunning

BAACE DE

106. GRE Big Book Test 8 Section 2 no.1

This project is the first step in a long-range plan of research whose _____ goal, still many years off, is the creation of a new prototype.

- (A) cooperative
- (B) reasoned
- (C) original
- (D) ultimate
- (E) intentional

107. GRE Big Book Test 8 Section 2 no.2

Eric was frustrated because, although he was adept at making lies sound _____, when telling the truth, he _____ the power to make himself believed.

- (A) plausible ... lacked
- (B) convincing ... held
- (C) honest ... found
- (D) true ... acquired
- (E) logical ... claimed

108. GRE Big Book Test 8 Section 2 no.3

In certain forms of discourse such as the parable, the central point of a message can be effectively communicated even though this point is not _____.

- (A) preferred
- (B) explicit
- (C) inferable
- (D) discerned
- (E) illustrated

109. GRE Big Book Test 8 Section 2 no.4

Always circumspect, she was reluctant to make judgments, but once arriving at a conclusion, she was _____ in its defense.

- (A) nonplussed
- (B) obsequious
- (C) intransigent
- (D) deferential
- (E) negligent

110. GRE Big Book Test 8 Section 2 no.5

The techniques now available to livestock breeders will continue to be _____, but will probably be _____ by new ones under development.

- (A) fruitful ... reversed
- (B) refined ... upgraded
- (C) inconvenient ... reassessed
- (D) used ... supplemented
- (E) harmless ... improved

111. GRE Big Book Test 8 Section 2 no.6

Any population increase beyond a certain level necessitates greater _____ vegetable foods; thus, the ability of a society to choose meat over cereals always arises, in part, from _____ the number of people.

- (A) reliance on ... replenishing
- (B) production of ... estimating
- (C) spending on ... concealing
- (D) recourse to ... limiting
- (E) attention to ... varying

112. GRE Big Book Test 8 Section 2 no.7

Ethologists are convinced that many animals survive through learning—but learning that is _____ their genetic programming, learning as thoroughly _____ as the most instinctive of behavioral responses.

- (A) superseded by ... primitive
- (B) compatible with ... transient
- (C) complementary to ... familiar
- (D) derived from ... inventive
- (E) dictated by ... stereotyped

DABCD DE

113. GRE Big Book Test 9 Section 1 no.1

Though some of the information the author reveals about Russian life might surprise Americans, her major themes are _____ enough.

- (A) familiar
- (B) thorough
- (C) vital
- (D) original
- (E) interesting

114. GRE Big Book Test 9 Section 1 no.2

In the early twentieth century, the discovery of radium _____ the popular imagination; not only was its discoverer, Marie Curie, idolized, but its market value _____ that of the rarest gemstone.

- (A) stormed ... sank to
- (B) horrified ... approached
- (C) taxed ... was equal to
- (D) enflamed ... exceeded
- (E) escaped ... was comparable to

115. GRE Big Book Test 9 Section 1 no.3

The president's secretary and his chief aide adored him, and both wrote obsessively _____ personal memoirs about him; unfortunately, however, _____ does not make for true intimacy.

- (A) fatuous ... frankness
- (B) devoted ... idolatry
- (C) garrulous ... confidentiality
- (D) candid ... discretion
- (E) rancorous ... criticism

116. GRE Big Book Test 9 Section 1 no.4

Despite claims that his philosophy can be traced to _____ source, the philosophy in fact draws liberally on several traditions and methodologies and so could justifiably be termed _____.

- (A) a particular ... consistent
- (B) a schematic ... multifaceted
- (C) a dominant ... cogent
- (D) an authoritative ... derivative
- (E) a single ... eclectic

117. GRE Big Book Test 9 Section 1 no.5

Du Bois' foreign trips were the highlight, not the _____, of his travels; he was habitually on the go across and around the United States.

- (A) idiosyncrasy
- (B) result
- (C) precursor
- (D) culmination
- (E) totality

118. GRE Big Book Test 9 Section 1 no.6

Business forecasts usually prove reasonably accurate when the assumption that the future will be much like the past is _____; in times of major _____ in the business environment, however, forecasts can be dangerously wrong.

- (A) specified ... discontinuities
- (B) questioned ... surges
- (C) contradicted ... improvements
- (D) entertained ... risks
- (E) satisfied ... shifts

119. GRE Big Book Test 9 Section 1 no.7

It is almost always desirable to increase the yield of a crop if _____ increases are not also necessary in energy, labor, and other inputs of crop production.

- (A) predetermined
- (B) commensurate
- (C) compatible
- (D) measured
- (E) equivocal

ADBEE EB

120. GRE Big Book Test 9 Section 2 no.1

Job failure means being fired from a job, being asked to resign, or leaving _____ to protect yourself because you had very strong evidence that one of the first two was _____.

- (A) voluntarily ... impending
- (B) abruptly ... significant
- (C) knowingly ... operative
- (D) understandably ... pertinent
- (E) eventually ... intentional

121. GRE Big Book Test 9 Section 2 no.2

The tone of Jane Carlyle's letter is guarded, and her feelings are always _____ by the wit and pride that made _____ plea for sympathy impossible for her.

- (A) masked ... a direct
- (B) bolstered ... a needless
- (C) controlled ... a circumspect
- (D) enhanced ... an intentional
- (E) colored ... an untimely

122. GRE Big Book Test 9 Section 2 no.3

French folktales almost always take place within the basic _____ that correspond to the _____ setting of peasant life: on the one hand, the household and village and on the other, the open road.

- (A) contexts ... hierarchical
- (B) structures ... personal
- (C) frameworks ... dual
- (D) chronologies ... generic
- (E) narratives ... ambivalent

123. GRE Big Book Test 9 Section 2 no.4

Nurturing the Royal Ballet's artistic growth while preserving its institutional stability has been difficult, because the claims of the latter seem inescapably to _____ development; apparently, attaining artistic success is simpler than _____ it.

- (A) ensure ... promoting
- (B) inhibit ... perpetuating
- (C) undermine ... resurrecting
- (D) modify ... appreciating
- (E) supplement ... confining

124. GRE Big Book Test 9 Section 2 no.5

Inspired interim responses to hitherto unknown problems, New Deal economic strategems became _____ as a result of bureaucratization, their flexibility and adaptability destroyed by their transformation into rigid policies.

- (A) politicized
- (B) consolidated
- (C) ossified
- (D) ungovernable
- (E) streamlined

125. GRE Big Book Test 9 Section 2 no.6

Biologists _____ isolated oceanic islands like the Galapagos, because, in such small, laboratory-like settings, the rich hurly-burly of continental plant and animal communities is reduced to a scientifically _____ complexity.

- (A) explore ... diverse
- (B) desert ... manageable
- (C) exploit ... intimidating
- (D) reject ... intricate
- (E) prize ... tractable

126. GRE Big Book Test 9 Section 2 no.7

The startling finding that variations in the rate of the Earth's rotation depend to an _____ degree on the weather has necessitated a complete _____ of the world's time-keeping methods.

- (A) unexpected ... overhaul
- (B) anticipated ... recalibration
- (C) indeterminate ... rejection
- (D) unobservable ... review
- (E) estimated ... acceptance

AACBC EA

127. GRE Big Book Test 10 Section 1 no.1

It was a war the queen and her more prudent counselors wished to _____ if they could and were determined in any event to _____ as long as possible.

- (A) provoke ... delay
- (B) denounce ... deny
- (C) instigate ... conceal
- (D) curtail ... promote
- (E) avoid ... postpone

128. GRE Big Book Test 10 Section 1 no.2

Despite many decades of research on the gasification of coal, the data accumulated are not directly _____ to environmental questions; thus a new program of research specifically addressing such questions is _____.

- (A) analogous ... promising
- (B) transferable ... contradictory
- (C) antithetical ... unremarkable
- (D) applicable ... warranted
- (E) pertinent ... unnecessary

129. GRE Big Book Test 10 Section 1 no.3

Unlike other creatures, who are shaped largely by their _____ environment, human beings are products of a culture accumulated over centuries, yet one that is constantly being _____ by massive infusions of new information from everywhere.

- (A) harsh ... unconfirmed
- (B) surrounding ... upheld
- (C) immediate ... transformed
- (D) natural... mechanized
- (E) limited. superseded

130. GRE Big Book Test 10 Section 1 no.4

Edith Wharton sought in her memoir to present herself as having achieved a harmonious wholeness by having _____ the conflicting elements of her life.

- (A) affirmed
- (B) highlighted
- (C) reconciled
- (D) confined
- (E) identified

131. GRE Big Book Test 10 Section 1 no.5

In their preface, the collection's editors plead that certain of the important articles they _____ were published too recently for inclusion, but in the case of many such articles, this _____ is not valid.

- (A) discussed ... replacement
- (B) omitted ... excuse
- (C) revised ... clarification
- (D) disparaged ... justification
- (E) ignored ... endorsement

132. GRE Big Book Test 10 Section 1 no.6

The labor union and the company's management, despite their long history of unfailingly acerbic disagreement on nearly every issue, have nevertheless reached an unexpectedly _____, albeit still tentative, agreement on next year's contract.

- (A) swift
- (B) onerous
- (C) hesitant
- (D) reluctant
- (E) conclusive

133. GRE Big Book Test 10 Section 1 no.7

In response to the follies of today's commercial and political worlds, the author does not _____ inflamed indignation, but rather _____ the detachment and smooth aphoristic prose of an eighteenth-century wit.

- (A) display ... rails at
- (B) rely on ... avoids
- (C) suppress ... clings to
- (D) express ... affects
- (E) resort to ... spurns

EDCCB AD

134. GRE Big Book Test 10 Section 2 no.1

Vaillant, who has been particularly interested in the means by which people attain mental health, seems to be looking for _____ answers: a way to close the book on at least a few questions about human nature.

- (A) definitive
- (B) confused
- (C) temporary
- (D) personal
- (E) derivative

135. GRE Big Book Test 10 Section 2 no.2

The well-trained engineer must understand fields as diverse as physics, economics, geology, and sociology; thus, an overly _____ engineering curriculum should be avoided.

- (A) narrow
- (B) innovative
- (C) competitive
- (D) rigorous
- (E) academic

136. GRE Big Book Test 10 Section 2 no.3

Although supernovas are among the most _____ of cosmic events, these stellar explosions are often hard to _____, either because they are enormously far away or because they are dimmed by intervening dust and gas clouds.

- (A) remote ... observe
- (B) luminous ... detect
- (C) predictable ... foresee
- (D) ancient ... determine
- (E) violent ... disregard

137. GRE Big Book Test 10 Section 2 no.4

During the widespread fuel shortage, the price of gasoline was so that suppliers were generally thought to be _____ the consumer.

- (A) reactive ... shielding
- (B) stable ... blackmailing
- (C) depressed ... cheating
- (D) prohibitive ... placating
- (E) excessive ... gouging

138. GRE Big Book Test 10 Section 2 no.5

Art _____ science, but that does not mean that the artist must also be a scientist; an artist uses the fruits of science but need not _____ the theories from which they derive.

- (A) precedes ... anticipate
- (B) incorporates ... understand
- (C) transcends ... abandon
- (D) imitates ... repudiate
- (E) resembles ... contest

139. GRE Big Book Test 10 Section 2 no.6

Imposing steep fines on employers for on-the-job injuries to workers could be an effective _____ to creating a safer workplace, especially in the case of employers with poor safety records.

- (A) antidote
- (B) alternative
- (C) addition
- (D) deterrent
- (E) incentive

140. GRE Big Book Test 10 Section 2 no.7

Literature is inevitably a _____ rather than _____ medium for the simple reason that writers interpose their own vision between the reader and reality.

- (A) distorting ... a neutral
- (B) transparent ... an opaque
- (C) colorful ... a drab
- (D) flawless ... an inexact
- (E) flexible ... a rigid

AABEB EA

141. GRE Big Book Test 11 Section 1 no.1

With its maverick approach to the subject, Shere Hite's book has been more widely debated than most; the media throughout the country have brought the author's _____ opinions to the public's attention.

- (A) controversial
- (B) authoritative
- (C) popular
- (D) conclusive
- (E) articulate

142. GRE Big Book Test 11 Section 1 no.2

Though many medieval women possessed devotional books that had belonged to their mothers, formal written evidence of women bequeathing books to their daughters is scarce, which suggests that such bequests were _____ and required no _____.

- (A) unselfish ... rationalization
- (B) tangential ... approval
- (C) customary ... documentation
- (D) covert ... discretion
- (E) spurious ... record

143. GRE Big Book Test 11 Section 1 no.3

Although their initial anger had _____ somewhat, they continued to _____ the careless worker who had broken the machine.

- (A) blazed ... assail
- (B) diminished ... appease
- (C) abated ... berate
- (D) subsided ... condone
- (E) intensified ... torment

144. GRE Big Book Test 11 Section 1 no.4

Borrowing a copyrighted book from a library amounts to a form of theft _____ by entrenched custom: the copyright owner's property, the book, is used repeatedly without _____ for such use.

- (A) engendered ... application
- (B) anticipated ... acknowledgement
- (C) sanctioned ... compensation
- (D) provoked ... adjustment
- (E) perpetrated ... permission

145. GRE Big Book Test 11 Section 1 no.5

The notion that a parasite can alter the behavior of a host organism is not mere fiction; indeed, the phenomenon is not even _____.

- (A) observable
- (B) real
- (C) comprehended
- (D) rare
- (E) imaginable

146. GRE Big Book Test 11 Section 1 no.6

Although Shakespeare received little formal education, scholarship has in recent years _____ the view that he was _____ the work of classical authors.

- (A) substantiated ... unimpressed by
- (B) eroded ... obsessed by
- (C) supported ... oblivious to
- (D) questioned ... influenced by
- (E) undermined ... unfamiliar with

147. GRE Big Book Test 11 Section 1 no.7

Darwin's method did not really _____ the idea of race as an important conceptual category; even the much more central idea of species was little more than a theoretical _____.

- (A) require ... convenience
- (B) apply ... measurement
- (C) exclude ... practice
- (D) subsume ... validation
- (E) reject ... fact

ACCCD EA

148. GRE Big Book Test 11 Section 2 no.1

The functions of the hands, eyes, and brain are so _____ that using the hands during early childhood helps to promote the child's entire _____ development.

- (A) intertwined ... perceptual
- (B) unalterable ... intellectual
- (C) enigmatic ... psychological
- (D) regulated ... adolescent
- (E) individualized ... social

149. GRE Big Book Test 11 Section 2 no.2

Before 1500 North America was inhabited by more than 300 cultural groups, each with different customs, social structures, world views, and languages; such diversity _____ the existence of a single Native American culture.

- (A) complements
- (B) implies
- (C) reiterates
- (D) argues against
- (E) explains away

150. GRE Big Book Test 11 Section 2 no.3

That dealers _____ enough to nurture a young modern painter's career rather than plunder it exist is not impossible, but the public's _____ appetite for modern art makes such dealers less and less likely.

- (A) chivalrous ... discriminating
- (B) magnanimous ... quirky
- (C) patient ... insatiable
- (D) cynical ... finicky
- (E) reckless ... zealous

151. GRE Big Book Test 11 Section 2 no.4

In the absence of any _____ caused by danger, hardship, or even cultural difference, most utopian communities deteriorate into _____ but enervating backwaters.

- (A) turmoil ... frantic
- (B) mistrust ... naive
- (C) amelioration ... ignorant
- (D) decimation ... intrusive
- (E) stimulation ... placid

152. GRE Big Book Test 11 Section 2 no.5

As Juanita argued, this new code of conduct is laughable; its principles are either _____, offering no wisdom but the obvious, or are so devoid of specific advice as to make almost any action _____.

- (A) irresolute ... unlikely
- (B) corroborative ... redundant
- (C) platitudinous ... justifiable
- (D) homogeneous ... impartial
- (E) labyrinthine ... unacceptable

153. GRE Big Book Test 11 Section 2 no.6

Histocompatibility antigens that attack foreign tissue in the body cannot have been _____ through evolution expressly to _____ organ transplantation; on the contrary, they have been found to facilitate many essential biological functions.

- (A) designed ... retain
- (B) produced ... aid
- (C) developed ... enhance
- (D) selected ... promote
- (E) conserved ... foil

154. GRE Big Book Test 11 Section 2 no.7

Their air of cheerful self-sacrifice and endless complaisance won them undeserved praise, for their seeming gallantry was wholly motivated by a _____ wish to avoid conflict of any sort.

- (A) poignant
- (B) sincere
- (C) plaintive
- (D) laudable
- (E) craven

ADCEC EE

155. GRE Big Book Test 12 Section 1 no.1

By idiosyncratically refusing to dismiss an insubordinate member of his staff, the manager not only _____ established policy, but he also _____ his heretofore good chances for promotion.

- (A) instituted ... bettered
- (B) recognized ... protected
- (C) contravened ... jeopardized
- (D) reiterated ... computed
- (E) delimited ... restricted

156. GRE Big Book Test 12 Section 1 no.2

Congress is having great difficulty developing a consensus on energy policy, primarily because the policy objectives of various members of Congress rest on such _____ assumptions.

- (A) commonplace
- (B) trivial
- (C) explicit
- (D) divergent
- (E) fundamental

157. GRE Big Book Test 12 Section 1 no.3

The widespread public shock at the news of the guilty verdict was caused partly by _____ news stories that had _____ acquittal.

- (A) sensational ... condemned
- (B) buried ... urged
- (C) impartial ... mentioned
- (D) biased ... predicted
- (E) local ... denounced

158. GRE Big Book Test 12 Section 1 no.4

The idealized paintings of nature produced in the eighteenth century are evidence that the medieval _____ natural settings had been _____ and that the outdoors now could be enjoyed without trepidation.

- (A) fear of ... exorcised
- (B) concerns about ... regained
- (C) affection for ... surmounted
- (D) disinterest in ... alleviated
- (E) enthusiasm for ... confronted

159. GRE Big Book Test 12 Section 1 no.5

Some paleontologists debate whether the diversity of species has _____ since the Cambrian period, or whether imperfections in the fossil record only suggest greater diversity today, while in actuality there has been either _____ or decreased diversity.

- (A) changed ... escalation
- (B) increased ... stasis
- (C) expanded ... discontinuity
- (D) declined ... reduction
- (E) improved ... deviation

160. GRE Big Book Test 12 Section 1 no.6

Manipulating laboratory tissue cultures with hormones is one thing; using hormones to treat human beings, however, is contingent on whether hormones that _____ in the laboratory can affect _____ organisms, and in predictable ways.

- (A) develop ... similar
- (B) succeed ... simple
- (C) fail ... cellular
- (D) work ... whole
- (E) reproduce ... unknown

161. GRE Big Book Test 12 Section 1 no.7

The astronomer and feminist Maria Mitchell's own prodigious activity and the vigor of the Association for the Advancement of Women during the 1870's _____ any assertion that feminism was _____ in that period.

- (A) exclude ... thriving
- (B) contradict ... prospering
- (C) pervade ... remote
- (D) buttress ... dormant
- (E) belie ... quiescent

CDDAB DE

162. GRE Big Book Test 12 Section 2 no.1

Only by ignoring decades of mismanagement and inefficiency could investors conclude that a fresh infusion of cash would provide anything more than a _____ solution to the company's financial woes.

- (A) fair
- (B) temporary
- (C) genuine
- (D) realistic
- (E) complete

163. GRE Big Book Test 12 Section 2 no.2

Although the discovery of antibiotics led to great advances in clinical practice, it did not represent a _____ bacterial illness, for there are some bacteria that cannot be _____ treated with antibiotics.

- (A) breakthrough in ... consistently
- (B) panacea for ... effectively
- (C) neglect of ... efficiently
- (D) reexamination of ... conventionally
- (E) resurgence of ... entirely

164. GRE Big Book Test 12 Section 2 no.3

A misconception frequently held by novice writers is that sentence structure mirrors thought: the more convoluted the structure, the more _____ the ideas.

- (A) complicated
- (B) inconsequential
- (C) elementary
- (D) fanciful
- (E) blatant

165. GRE Big Book Test 12 Section 2 no.4

Jones was unable to recognize the contradictions in his attitudes that were obvious to everyone else; even the hint of an untruth was _____ to him, but he _____ serious trouble by always cheating on his taxes.

- (A) acceptable ... risked
- (B) exciting ... averted
- (C) repugnant ... courted
- (D) anathema ... evaded
- (E) tempting ... hazarded

166. GRE Big Book Test 12 Section 2 no.5

Even though the general's carefully qualified public statement could hardly be _____, some people took it.

- (A) respected ... liberties with
- (B) inoffensive ... umbrage at
- (C) faulted ... exception to
- (D) credited ... potshots at
- (E) dismissed ... interest in

167. GRE Big Book Test 12 Section 2 no.6

Though feminist in its implications, Yvonne Rainer's 1974 film _____ the filmmaker's active involvement in feminist politics.

- (A) preserved
- (B) portrayed
- (C) encouraged
- (D) renewed
- (E) antedated

168. GRE Big Book Test 12 Section 2 no.7

The chances that a species will _____ are reduced if any vital function is restricted to a single kind of organ; _____ by itself possesses an enormous survival advantage.

- (A) degenerate ... complexity
- (B) expire ... size
- (C) disappear ... variety
- (D) flourish ... symmetry
- (E) persist ... redundancy

BBACC EE

169. GRE Big Book Test 13 Section 1 no.1

The availability of oxygen is an essential _____ for animal life, while carbon dioxide is equally _____ for plant life.

- (A) choice ... optional
- (B) duplication ... selective
- (C) conversion ... exchangeable
- (D) condition ... necessary
- (E) luxury ... harmful

170. GRE Big Book Test 13 Section 1 no.2

Prudery actually draws attention to the vice it is supposed to _____; the very act that forbids speech or prohibits sight _____ what is hidden.

- (A) condemn ... distorts
- (B) monitor ... signals
- (C) repress ... dramatizes
- (D) obviate ... fosters
- (E) divulge ... conceals

171. GRE Big Book Test 13 Section 1 no.3

After thirty years of television, people have become “speed watchers”; consequently, if the camera lingers, the interest of the audience _____.

- (A) broadens
- (B) begins
- (C) varies
- (D) flags
- (E) clears

172. GRE Big Book Test 13 Section 1 no.4

Compared mathematically to smoking and driving, almost everything else seems relatively risk-free _____ almost nothing seems worth regulating.

- (A) yet
- (B) since
- (C) so
- (D) even though
- (E) as long as

173. GRE Big Book Test 13 Section 1 no.5

Ironically, Carver's precision in sketching lives on the edge of despair ensures that his stories will sometimes be read too narrowly, much as Dickens' social-reformer role once caused his broader concerns to be _____.

- (A) ignored
- (B) reinforced
- (C) contradicted
- (D) diminished
- (E) diversified

174. GRE Big Book Test 13 Section 1 no.6

The demise of the rigorous academic curriculum in high school resulted, in part, from the progressive rhetoric that _____ the study of subjects previously thought _____ as part of school learning.

- (A) advocated ... necessary
- (B) enhanced ... indispensable
- (C) restricted ... impractical
- (D) undermined ... popular
- (E) sanctioned ... inappropriate

175. GRE Big Book Test 13 Section 1 no.7

While some see in practical jokes a wish for mastery in miniature over a world that seems very _____, others believe that the jokes' purpose is to disrupt, by reducing all transactions to _____.

- (A) dubious ... confusion
- (B) disorderly ... symmetry
- (C) harmonious ... dissonance
- (D) unruly ... chaos
- (E) turbulent ... uniformity

DCDCA ED

176. GRE Big Book Test 13 Section 2 no.1

Aspartame, a new artificial sugar substitute, is only _____ replacement for saccharin because, unlike saccharin, it breaks down and loses its sweetening characteristics at high temperatures, making it _____ for baking.

- (A) an interim ... ideal
- (B) an apparent ... excellent
- (C) a potential .. versatile
- (D) a significant ... problematic
- (E) a partial ... unsuitable

177. GRE Big Book Test 13 Section 2 no.2

Trapped thousands of years ago in Antarctic ice, recently discovered air bubbles are _____ time capsules filled with information for scientists who chart the history of the atmosphere.

- (A) inconsequential
- (B) broken
- (C) veritable
- (D) resplendent
- (E) impenetrable

178. GRE Big Book Test 13 Section 2 no.3

In the days before the mass marketing of books, censorship was _____ source of _____, which helped the sale of the book and inspired Ralph Waldo Emerson to remark: "Every burned book enlightens the world".

- (A) a respected ... opinion
- (B) a constant ... guidance
- (C) a prime ... publicity
- (D) an unnoticed ... opposition
- (E) an unpromising ... criticism

179. GRE Big Book Test 13 Section 2 no.4

It was not only the _____ geologists that _____ of earlier development of the revolutionary idea that the Earth's continents were moving plates; classical physicists, who could not then explain the mechanism, had declared continental movement impossible.

- (A) indecisiveness ... challenged
- (B) radicalism ... deterred
- (C) conservatism ... hindered
- (D) assumptions ... hastened
- (E) resistance ... mandated

180. GRE Big Book Test 13 Section 2 no.5

Although often extremely critical of the medical profession as a whole, people are rarely willing to treat their personal doctors with equal _____.

- (A) impetuosity
- (B) sarcasm
- (C) mockery
- (D) contempt
- (E) condescension

181. GRE Big Book Test 13 Section 2 no.6

Aalto, like other modernists, believed that form follows function; consequently, his furniture designs asserted the _____ of human needs, and the furniture's form was _____ human use.

- (A) universality ... refined by
- (B) importance ... relegated to
- (C) rationale ... emphasized by
- (D) primacy ... determined by
- (E) variability ... reflected in

182. GRE Big Book Test 13 Section 2 no.7

A _____ acceptance of contemporary forms of social behavior has misled a few into believing that values in conflict with the present age are for all practical purposes _____.

- (A) casual ... reliable
- (B) superficial ... trenchant
- (C) complacent ... superseded
- (D) cautious ... redemptive
- (E) plaintive ... redundant

ECCCD DC

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183. GRE Big Book Test 14 Section 1 no.1

Psychology has slowly evolved into an _____ scientific discipline that now functions autonomously with the same privileges and responsibilities as other sciences.

- (A) independent
- (B) unusual
- (C) outmoded
- (D) uncontrolled
- (E) inactive

184. GRE Big Book Test 14 Section 1 no.2

A major goal of law, to deter potential criminals by punishing wrongdoers, is not served when the penalty is so seldom invoked that it _____ to be a _____ threat.

- (A) tends ... serious
- (B) appears ... real
- (C) ceases ... credible
- (D) fails ... deceptive
- (E) seems ... coercive

185. GRE Big Book Test 14 Section 1 no.3

When people are happy, they tend to give _____ interpretations of events they witness: the eye of the beholder is _____ by the emotions of the beholder.

- (A) charitable ... colored
- (B) elaborate ... disquieted
- (C) conscientious ... deceived
- (D) vague ... sharpened
- (E) coherent ... confused

186. GRE Big Book Test 14 Section 1 no.4

Even those who disagreed with Carmen's views rarely faulted her for expressing them, for the positions she took were as _____ as they were controversial.

- (A) complicated
- (B) political
- (C) subjective
- (D) commonplace
- (E) thoughtful

187. GRE Big Book Test 14 Section 1 no.5

New research on technology and public policy focuses on how seemingly _____ design features generally overlooked in most analyses of public works projects or industrial machinery, actually _____ social choices of profound significance.

- (A) insignificant ... mask
- (B) inexpensive ... produce
- (C) innovative ... represent
- (D) ingenious ... permit
- (E) inopportune ... hasten

188. GRE Big Book Test 14 Section 1 no.6

Paradoxically, Robinson's excessive denials of the worth of early works of science fiction suggest that she has become quite _____ them.

- (A) reflective about
- (B) enamored of
- (C) skeptical of
- (D) encouraged by
- (E) offended by

189. GRE Big Book Test 14 Section 1 no.7

Cezanne's delicate watercolor sketches often served as _____ or a subject, a way of gathering fuller knowledge before the artist's final engagement of the subject in an oil painting.

- (A) an abstraction
- (B) an enhancement
- (C) a synthesis
- (D) a reconnaissance
- (E) a transcription

ACAEA BD

190. GRE Big Book Test 14 Section 2 no.1

Though it would be _____ to expect Barnard to have worked out all of the limitations of his experiment, he must be _____ for his neglect of quantitative analysis.

- (A) unjust ... pardoned
- (B) impudent ... dismissed
- (C) unrealistic ... criticized
- (D) pointless ... examined
- (E) inexcusable ... recognized

191. GRE Big Book Test 14 Section 2 no.2

The hierarchy of medical occupations is in many ways a _____ system; its strata remain _____ and the practitioners in them have very little vertical mobility.

- (A) health ... skilled
- (B) delivery ... basic
- (C) regimental ... flexible
- (D) training ... inferior
- (E) caste ... intact

192. GRE Big Book Test 14 Section 2 no.3

Noting the murder victim's flaccid musculature and pear-like figure, she deduced that the unfortunate fellow had earned his living in some _____ occupation.

- (A) treacherous
- (B) prestigious
- (C) ill-paying
- (D) illegitimate
- (E) sedentary

193. GRE Big Book Test 14 Section 2 no.4

In Germany her startling powers as a novelist are widely _____, but she is almost unknown in the English speaking world because of the difficulties of _____ her eccentric prose.

- (A) ignored ... editing
- (B) admired ... translating
- (C) espoused ... revealing
- (D) obscured ... comprehending
- (E) dispersed ... transcribing

194. GRE Big Book Test 14 Section 2 no.5

Liberty is not easy, but far better to be an _____ fox, hungry and threatened on its hill, than a _____ canary, safe and secure in its cage.

- (A) unfriendly ... fragile
- (B) aging ... young
- (C) angry ... content
- (D) imperious ... lethargic
- (E) unfettered ... well-fed

195. GRE Big Book Test 14 Section 2 no.6

Remelting old metal cans rather than making primary aluminum from bauxite ore shipped from overseas saves producers millions of dollars in _____ and production costs.

- (A) distribution
- (B) salvage
- (C) storage
- (D) procurement
- (E) research

196. GRE Big Book Test 14 Section 2 no.7

Johnson never _____ to ignore the standards of decent conduct mandated by company policy if _____ compliance with instructions from his superiors enabled him to do so, whatever the effects on his subordinates.

- (A) deigned ... tacit
- (B) attempted ... halfhearted
- (C) intended ... direct
- (D) scrupled ... literal
- (E) wished ... feigned

CEEBE DD

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197. GRE Big Book Test 15 Section 1 no.1

Despite the apparently bewildering complexity of this procedure, the underlying _____ is quite _____.

- (A) simplicity ... calculated
- (B) principle ... elementary
- (C) confusion ... imaginary
- (D) purpose ... effective
- (E) theory ... modern

198. GRE Big Book Test 15 Section 1 no.2

In television programming, a later viewing time often _____ a more _____ audience and, therefore, more challenging subjects and themes.

- (A) requires ... critical
- (B) evinces ... affluent
- (C) implies ... mature
- (D) eliminates ... realistic
- (E) invites ... general

199. GRE Big Book Test 15 Section 1 no.3

The cultivation of the emotion of *natsukashii*, interpretable as “pleasant sorrow,” brings Japanese to Kyoto in the spring, not to _____ the cherry blossoms in full bloom but to _____ the fading, falling flowers.

- (A) mourn ... exclaim over
- (B) honor ... protect
- (C) describe ... rejoice over
- (D) arrange ... preserve
- (E) savor ... grieve over

200. GRE Big Book Test 15 Section 1 no.4

Adam Smith’s *Wealth of Nations* (1776) is still worth reading, more to appreciate the current _____ of Smith’s valid contributions to economics than to see those contributions as the _____ of present-day economics.

- (A) disregard ... outgrowths
- (B) reaffirmation ... concerns
- (C) relevance ... precursors
- (D) acceptance ... byproducts
- (E) importance ... vestiges

201. GRE Big Book Test 15 Section 1 no.5

At several points in his discussion, graves, in effect, _____ evidence when it does not support his argument, tailoring it to his needs.

- (A) addresses
- (B) creates
- (C) alters
- (D) suppresses
- (E) substitutes

202. GRE Big Book Test 15 Section 1 no.6

Regardless of what _____ theories of politics may propound, there is nothing that requires daily politics to be clear, thorough, and consistent? Nothing, that is, that requires reality to conform to theory.

- (A) vague
- (B) assertive
- (C) casual
- (D) vicious
- (E) tidy

203. GRE Big Book Test 15 Section 1 no.7

Exposure to sustained noise has been claimed to _____ blood pressure regulation in human beings and, particularly, to increase hypertension, even though some researchers have obtained inconclusive results that _____ the relationship.

- (A) sharpen ... conflate
- (B) increase ... diminish
- (C) aggravate ... buttress
- (D) disrupt ... neutralize
- (E) impair ... obscure

BCECC EE

204. GRE Big Book Test 15 Section 2 no.1

After a slow sales start early in the year, mobile homes have been gaining favor as _____ to increasingly expensive conventional housing.

- (A) reaction
- (B) an addition
- (C) an introduction
- (D) an alternative
- (E) a challenge

205. GRE Big Book Test 15 Section 2 no.2

Just as such apparently basic things as rocks, clouds, and clams are, in fact, intricately structured entities, so the self, too, is not an “elementary particle,” but is _____ construction.

- (A) a complicated
- (B) a convoluted
- (C) a distorted
- (D) an amorphous
- (E) an illusory

206. GRE Big Book Test 15 Section 2 no.3

Considering how long she had yearned to see Italy, her first reaction was curiously _____.

- (A) meditative
- (B) tepid
- (C) categorical
- (D) unoriginal
- (E) insightful

207. GRE Big Book Test 15 Section 2 no.4

The successful _____ of an archaeological site requires scientific knowledge as well as cultural _____.

- (A) evolution ... awareness
- (B) revelation ... depth
- (C) reconstruction ... sensitivity
- (D) analysis ... aesthetics
- (E) synthesis ... understanding

208. GRE Big Book Test 15 Section 2 no.5

As painted by Constable, the scene is not one of bucolic _____; rather it shows a striking emotional and intellectual _____.

- (A) intensity ... boredom
- (B) complacency ... detachment
- (C) serenity ... tension
- (D) vitality ... excitement
- (E) nostalgia ... placidity

209. GRE Big Book Test 15 Section 2 no.6

Our times seem especially _____ bad ideas, probably because in throwing off the shackles of tradition, we have ended up being quite _____ untested theories and untried remedies.

- (A) impervious ... tolerant of
- (B) hostile ... dependent on
- (C) hospitable ... vulnerable to
- (D) prone ... wary of
- (E) indifferent ... devoid of

210. GRE Big Book Test 15 Section 2 no.7

Although he attempted repeatedly to _____ her of her conviction of his insincerity, he was not successful; she remained _____ in her judgment.

- (A) remind ... forceful
- (B) convince ... unfeigned
- (C) exorcise ... indulgent
- (D) disabuse ... adamant
- (E) free ... unsure

DABCC CD

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211. GRE Big Book Test 16 Section 1 no.1

Dreams are _____ in and of themselves, but when combined with other data, they can tell us much about the dreamer.

- (A) uninformative
- (B) startling
- (C) harmless
- (D) unregulated
- (E) uncontrollable

212. GRE Big Book Test 16 Section 1 no.2

The Muses are _____ deities: they avenge themselves without mercy on those who weary of their charms.

- (A) rueful
- (B) ingenuous
- (C) solicitous
- (D) vindictive
- (E) dispassionate

213. GRE Big Book Test 16 Section 1 no.3

Without the psychiatrist's promise of confidentiality, trust is _____ and the patient's communication limited; even though confidentiality can thus be seen to be precious in therapy, moral responsibility sometimes requires a willingness to _____ it.

- (A) implicit ... extend
- (B) ambiguous ... apply
- (C) prevented ... uphold
- (D) assumed ... examine
- (E) impaired ... sacrifice

214. GRE Big Book Test 16 Section 1 no.4

Having fully embraced the belief that government by persuasion is preferable to government by _____, the leaders of the movement have recently _____ most of their previous statements supporting totalitarianism.

- (A) intimidation issued
- (B) participation moderated
- (C) proclamation codified
- (D) demonstration deliberated
- (E) coercion repudiated

215. GRE Big Book Test 16 Section 1 no.5

The powers and satisfactions of primeval people, though few and meager, were _____ their few and simple desires.

- (A) simultaneous with
- (B) commensurate with
- (C) substantiated by
- (D) circumscribed by
- (E) ruined by

216. GRE Big Book Test 16 Section 1 no.6

Some scientists argue that carbon compounds play such a central role in life on Earth because of the possibility of _____ resulting from the carbon atom's ability to form an unending series of different molecules.

- (A) deviation
- (B) stability
- (C) reproduction
- (D) variety
- (E) invigoration

217. GRE Big Book Test 16 Section 1 no.7

Whereas the art critic Vasari saw the painting entitled the Mona Lisa as an original and wonderful _____ feat, the reproduction of a natural object, the aesthetes saw it as _____ that required deciphering.

- (A) collaborative ... an aberration
- (B) historical ... a symbol
- (C) technical ... a hieroglyph
- (D) mechanical ... an imitation
- (E) visual ... an illusion

ADEEB DC

218. GRE Big Book Test 16 Section 2 no.1

As late as 1891 a speaker assured his audience that since profitable farming was the result of natural ability rather than _____, an education in agriculture was _____.

- (A) instruction ... vital
- (B) effort ... difficult
- (C) learning ... useless
- (D) science ... intellectual
- (E) luck ... senseless

219. GRE Big Book Test 16 Section 2 no.2

In spite of the _____ nature of Scotland's terrain, its main roads are surprisingly free from severe _____.

- (A) rocky ... weather
- (B) mountainous ... grades
- (C) uncharted ... flooding
- (D) unpredictable ... damage
- (E) landlocked ... slipperiness

220. GRE Big Book Test 16 Section 2 no.3

Walpole's art collection was huge and fascinating, and his novel *The Castle of Otranto* was never out of print; none of this mattered to the Victorians, who _____ him as, at best, _____.

- (A) dismissed ... insignificant
- (B) judged ... worthwhile
- (C) revered ... talented
- (D) reviled ... meager
- (E) taunted ... dangerous

221. GRE Big Book Test 16 Section 2 no.4

Since the author frequently _____ other scholars, his objection to disputes is not only irrelevant but also _____.

- (A) supports ... overbearing
- (B) provokes ... frightening
- (C) quotes ... curious
- (D) ignores ... peevish
- (E) attacks ... surprising

222. GRE Big Book Test 16 Section 2 no.5

Longdale and Stern discovered that mitochondria and chloroplasts _____ a long, identifiable sequence of DNA; such a coincidence could be _____ only by the transfer of DNA between the two systems.

- (A) manufacture ... accomplished
- (B) reveal ... repeated
- (C) exhibit ... determined
- (D) share ... explained
- (E) maintain ... contradicted

223. GRE Big Book Test 16 Section 2 no.6

Until the current warming trend exceeds the range of normal climatic fluctuations, there will be, among scientists, considerable _____ the possibility that increasing levels of atmospheric CO₂ can cause long-term warming effects.

- (A) interest in
- (B) uncertainty about
- (C) enthusiasm for
- (D) worry about
- (E) experimentation on

224. GRE Big Book Test 16 Section 2 no.7

Without seeming unworldly, William James appeared wholly removed from the _____ of society, the conventionality of academe.

- (A) ethos
- (B) idealism
- (C) romance
- (D) paradoxes
- (E) commonplaces

CBAED BE

225. GRE Big Book Test 17 Section 1 no.1

Created to serve as perfectly as possible their workaday_____, the wooden storage boxes made in America's Shaker communities are now _____ for their beauty.

- (A) environment ... accepted
- (B) owners ... employed
- (C) function ... valued
- (D) reality ... transformed
- (E) image ... seen

226. GRE Big Book Test 17 Section 1 no.2

In order to _____ her theory that the reactions are _____, the scientist conducted many experiments, all of which showed that the heat of the first reaction is more than twice that of the second.

- (A) support ... different
- (B) comprehend ... constant
- (C) evaluate ... concentrated
- (D) capture ... valuable
- (E) demonstrate ... problematic

227. GRE Big Book Test 17 Section 1 no.3

The sheer bulk of data from the mass media seems to overpower us and drive us to _____ accounts for an easily and readily digestible portion of news.

- (A) insular
- (B) investigative
- (C) synoptic
- (D) subjective
- (E) sensational

228. GRE Big Book Test 17 Section 1 no.4

William James lacked the usual _____ death; writing to his dying father, he spoke without _____ about the old man's impending death.

- (A) longing for ... regret
- (B) awe of ... inhibition
- (C) curiosity about ... rancor
- (D) apprehension of ... eloquence
- (E) anticipation of ... commiseration

229. GRE Big Book Test 17 Section 1 no.5

Current data suggest that, although _____ states between fear and aggression exist, fear and aggression are as distinct physiologically as they are psychologically.

- (A) simultaneous
- (B) serious
- (C) exceptional
- (D) partial
- (E) transitional

230. GRE Big Book Test 17 Section 1 no.6

It is ironic that a critic of such overwhelming vanity now suffers from a measure of the oblivion to which he was forever _____ others, in the end, all his _____ has only worked against him.

- (A) dedicating ... self-procession
- (B) leading ... self-righteousness
- (C) consigning ... self-adulation
- (D) relegating ... self-sacrifice
- (E) condemning ... self-analysis

231. GRE Big Book Test 17 Section 1 no.7

Famous among job seekers for its _____, the company, quite apart from generous salaries, bestowed on its executives annual bonuses and such _____ as low-interest home mortgages and company cars.

- (A) magnanimity ... reparations
- (B) inventiveness ... benefits
- (C) largesse ... perquisites
- (D) discernment ... prerogatives
- (E) altruism ... credits

CACBE CC

232. GRE Big Book Test 17 Section 2 no.1

There are no solitary, free-living creatures; every form of life is _____ other forms.

- (A) segregated from
- (B) parallel to
- (C) dependent on
- (D) overshadowed by
- (E) mimicked by

233. GRE Big Book Test 17 Section 2 no.2

The sale of Alaska was not so much an American coup as a matter of _____ for an imperial Russia that was short of cash and unable to _____ its own continental coastline.

- (A) negligence ... fortify
- (B) custom ... maintain
- (C) convenience ... stabilize
- (D) expediency ... defend
- (E) exigency ... reinforce

234. GRE Big Book Test 17 Section 2 no.3

Despite assorted effusions to the contrary, there is no necessary link between scientific skill and humanism, and, quite possibly, there may be something of a _____ between them.

- (A) generality
- (B) fusion
- (C) congruity
- (D) dichotomy
- (E) reciprocity

235. GRE Big Book Test 17 Section 2 no.4

A common argument claims that in folk art, the artist's subordination of technical mastery to intense feeling _____ the direct communication of emotion to the viewer.

- (A) facilitates
- (B) averts
- (C) neutralizes
- (D) implies
- (E) represses

236. GRE Big Book Test 17 Section 2 no.5

While not completely nonplussed by the unusually caustic responses from members of the audience, the speaker was nonetheless visibly _____ by their lively criticism.

- (A) humiliated
- (B) discomfited
- (C) deluded
- (D) disgraced
- (E) tantalized

237. GRE Big Book Test 17 Section 2 no.6

In eighth-century Japan, people who _____ wasteland were rewarded with official ranks as part of an effort to overcome the shortage of _____ fields.

- (A) conserved ... forested
- (B) reclaimed ... arable
- (C) cultivated ... domestic
- (D) irrigated ... accessible
- (E) located ... desirable

238. GRE Big Book Test 17 Section 2 no.7

If duty is the natural _____ of one's _____ the course of future events, then people who are powerful have duty placed on them whether they like it or not.

- (A) correlate ... understanding of
- (B) outgrowth ... control over
- (C) determinant ... involvement in
- (D) mitigant ... preoccupation with
- (E) arbiter ... responsibility for

CDDAB BB

239. GRE Big Book Test 18 Section 1 no.1

Physicists rejected the innovative experimental technique because, although it _____ some problems, it also produced new _____.

- (A) clarified ... data
- (B) eased ... interpretations
- (C) resolved ... complications
- (D) caused ... hypotheses
- (E) revealed ... inconsistencies

240. GRE Big Book Test 18 Section 1 no.2

During a period of protracted illness, the sick can become infirm, _____ both the strength to work and many of the specific skills they once possessed.

- (A) regaining
- (B) denying
- (C) pursuing
- (D) insuring
- (E) losing

241. GRE Big Book Test 18 Section 1 no.3

The pressure of population on available resources is the key to understanding history; consequently, any historical writing that takes no cognizance of _____ facts is _____ flawed.

- (A) demographic ... intrinsically
- (B) ecological ... marginally
- (C) cultural ... substantively
- (D) psychological ... philosophically
- (E) political ... demonstratively

242. GRE Big Book Test 18 Section 1 no.4

It is puzzling to observe that Jones's novel has recently been criticized for its _____ structure, since commentators have traditionally argued that its most obvious _____ is its relentlessly rigid, indeed schematic, framework.

- (A) attention to ... preoccupation
- (B) speculation about ... characteristic
- (C) parody of ... disparity
- (D) violation of ... contradiction
- (E) lack of ... flaw

243. GRE Big Book Test 18 Section 1 no.5

It comes as no surprise that societies have codes of behavior; the character of the codes, on the other hand, can often be _____.

- (A) predictable
- (B) unexpected
- (C) admirable
- (D) explicit
- (E) confusing

244. GRE Big Book Test 18 Section 1 no.6

The characterization of historical analysis as a form of fiction is not likely to be received _____ by either historians or literary critics, who agree that history and fiction deal with _____ orders of experience.

- (A) quietly ... significant
- (B) enthusiastically ... shifting
- (C) passively ... unusual
- (D) sympathetically ... distinct
- (E) contentiously ... realistic

245. GRE Big Book Test 18 Section 1 no.7

For some time now, _____ has been presumed not to exist: the cynical conviction that everybody has an angle is considered wisdom.

- (A) rationality
- (B) flexibility
- (C) diffidence
- (D) disinterestedness
- (E) insincerity

CEAEB DD

246. GRE Big Book Test 18 Section 2 no.1

The _____ of mass literacy coincided with the first industrial revolution; in turn, the new expansion in literacy, as well as cheaper printing, helped to nurture the _____ of popular literature.

- (A) building ... mistrust
- (B) reappearance ... display
- (C) receipt ... source
- (D) selection ... influence
- (E) emergence ... rise

247. GRE Big Book Test 18 Section 2 no.2

Although ancient tools were _____ preserved, enough have survived to allow us to demonstrate an occasionally interrupted but generally _____ progress through prehistory.

- (A) partially ... noticeable
- (B) superficially ... necessary
- (C) unwittingly ... documented
- (D) rarely ... continual
- (E) needlessly ... incessant

248. GRE Big Book Test 18 Section 2 no.3

In parts of the Arctic, the land grades into the land fast ice so _____ that you can walk off the coast and not know you are over the hidden sea.

- (A) permanently
- (B) imperceptibly
- (C) irregularly
- (D) precariously
- (E) slightly

249. GRE Big Book Test 18 Section 2 no.4

Kagan maintains that an infant's reactions to its first stressful experiences are part of a natural process of development, not harbingers of childhood unhappiness or _____ signs of adolescent anxiety.

- (A) prophetic
- (B) normal
- (C) monotonous
- (D) virtual
- (E) typical

250. GRE Big Book Test 18 Section 2 no.5

An investigation that is _____ can occasionally yield new facts, even notable ones, but typically the appearance of such facts is the result of a search in a definite direction.

- (A) timely
- (B) unguided
- (C) consistent
- (D) uncomplicated
- (E) subjective

251. GRE Big Book Test 18 Section 2 no.6

Like many eighteenth-century scholars who lived by cultivating those in power, Winckelmann neglected to neutralize, by some _____ gesture of comradeship, the resentment his peers were bound to feel because of his _____ the high and mighty.

- (A) quixotic ... intrigue with
- (B) enigmatic ... familiarity with
- (C) propitiatory ... involvement with
- (D) salutary ... questioning of
- (E) unfeigned ... sympathy for

252. GRE Big Book Test 18 Section 2 no.7

In a _____ society that worships efficiency, it is difficult for a sensitive and idealistic person to make the kinds of _____ decisions that alone spell success as it is defined by such a society.

- (A) bureaucratic ... edifying
- (B) pragmatic ... hardheaded
- (C) rational ... well-intentioned
- (D) competitive ... evenhanded
- (E) modern ... dysfunctional

EDBAB CB

253. GRE Big Book Test 19 Section 1 no.1

Because they had expected the spacecraft Voyager 2 to be able to gather data only about the planets Jupiter and Saturn, scientists were _____ the wealth of information it sent back from Neptune twelve years after leaving Earth.

- (A) disappointed in
- (B) concerned about
- (C) confident in
- (D) elated by
- (E) anxious for

254. GRE Big Book Test 19 Section 1 no.2

Wearing the latest fashions was exclusively the _____ of the wealthy until the 1850's, when mass production, aggressive entrepreneurs, and the availability of the sewing machine made them _____ the middle class.

- (A) aspiration ... disagreeable to
- (B) vexation ... superfluous for
- (C) bane ... profitable to
- (D) prerogative ... accessible to
- (E) obligation ... popular with

255. GRE Big Book Test 19 Section 1 no.3

Linguists have now confirmed what experienced users of ASL—American Sign Language—have always implicitly known: ASL is a grammatically _____ language in that it is capable of expressing every possible syntactic relation.

- (A) limited
- (B) economical
- (C) complete
- (D) shifting
- (E) abstract

256. GRE Big Book Test 19 Section 1 no.4

He was regarded by his followers, as something of _____, not only because of his insistence on strict discipline, but also because of his _____ adherence to formal details.

- (A) a martinet ... rigid
- (B) an authority ... sporadic
- (C) a tyrant ... reluctant
- (D) a fraud ... conscientious
- (E) an acolyte ... maniacal

257. GRE Big Book Test 19 Section 1 no.5

The influence of the *Timaeus* among early philosophical thinkers was _____, if only because it was the sole dialogue _____ in Europe for almost 1,000 years.

- (A) pervasive ... available
- (B) inestimable ... suppressed
- (C) unnoteworthy ... abridged
- (D) underestimated ... studied
- (E) circumscribed ... translated

258. GRE Big Book Test 19 Section 1 no.6

The Gibsons were little given to _____ in any form; not one of them was afraid of _____, of being and seeming unlike their neighbors.

- (A) humility ... absurdity
- (B) excellence ... mediocrity
- (C) anger ... confrontation
- (D) conformism ... singularity
- (E) ostentation ... eccentricity

259. GRE Big Book Test 19 Section 1 no.7

Even after _____ against the _____ of popular sovereignty were included, major figures in the humanistic disciplines remained skeptical about the proposal to extend suffrage to the masses.

- (A) recommendations ... continuation
- (B) safeguards ... excesses
- (C) arguments ... introduction
- (D) provisions ... advantages
- (E) laws ... creation

DDCAA DB

260. GRE Big Book Test 19 Section 2 no.1

A recent survey shows that, while ninety-four percent of companies conducting management-training programs open them to women, women are _____ only seventy-four percent of those programs.

- (A) protesting against
- (B) participating in
- (C) displeased by
- (D) allowed in
- (E) refused by

261. GRE Big Book Test 19 Section 2 no.2

Thomas Paine, whose political writing was often flamboyant, was in private life a surprisingly _____ man: he lived in rented rooms, ate little, and wore drab clothes.

- (A) simple
- (B) controversial
- (C) sordid
- (D) comfortable
- (E) discourteous

262. GRE Big Book Test 19 Section 2 no.3

Their _____ of loyalties is first to oneself, next to kin, then to fellow tribe members, and finally to compatriots.

- (A) merging
- (B) hierarchy
- (C) definition
- (D) judgment
- (E) cognizance

263. GRE Big Book Test 19 Section 2 no.4

The belief that science destroys the arts appears to be supported by historical evidence that the arts have _____ only when the sciences have been _____.

- (A) declined ... attacked
- (B) flourished ... neglected
- (C) matured ... unconcerned
- (D) succeeded ... developed
- (E) floundered ... constrained

264. GRE Big Book Test 19 Section 2 no.5

The action and characters in a melodrama can be so immediately _____ that all observers can hiss the villain with an air of smug but enjoyable _____.

- (A) spurned ... boredom
- (B) forgotten ... condescension
- (C) classified ... self-righteousness
- (D) plausible ... guilt
- (E) gripping ... skepticism

265. GRE Big Book Test 19 Section 2 no.6

In the design of medical experiments, the need for _____ assignment of treatments to patients must be _____ the difficulty of persuading patients to participate in an experiment in which their treatment is decided by chance.

- (A) independent ... amended by
- (B) competent ... emphasized by
- (C) mechanical ... controlled by
- (D) swift ... associated with
- (E) random ... reconciled with

266. GRE Big Book Test 19 Section 2 no.7

Though dealers insist that professional art dealers can make money in the art market, even an _____ knowledge is not enough: the art world is so fickle that stock-market prices are _____ by comparison.

- (A) amateur's ... sensible
- (B) expert's ... erratic
- (C) investor's ... booming
- (D) insider's ... predictable
- (E) artist's ... irrational

BABBC ED

267. GRE Big Book Test 20 Section 1 no.1

Although economists have traditionally considered the district to be solely an agricultural one, the _____ of the inhabitants' occupations makes such a classification obsolete.

- (A) productivity
- (B) diversity
- (C) predictability
- (D) profitability
- (E) stability

268. GRE Big Book Test 20 Section 1 no.2

The author of this book _____ overlooks or minimizes some of the problems and shortcomings in otherwise highly successful foreign industries in order to _____ the points on which they excel and on which we might try to emulate them.

- (A) accidentally ... exaggerate
- (B) purposely ... emphasize
- (C) occasionally ... counterbalance
- (D) intentionally ... confuse
- (E) cleverly ... compound

269. GRE Big Book Test 20 Section 1 no.3

Crosby's colleagues have never learned, at least not in time to avoid embarrassing themselves, that her occasional _____ air of befuddlement _____ a display of her formidable intelligence.

- (A) genuine ... dominates
- (B) alert ... contradicts
- (C) acute ... precludes
- (D) bogus ... presages
- (E) painstaking ... succeeds

270. GRE Big Book Test 20 Section 1 no.4

To ensure the development and exploitation of a new technology, there must be a constant _____ of several nevertheless distinct activities.

- (A) interplay
- (B) implementation
- (C) comprehending
- (D) improvement
- (E) exploration

271. GRE Big Book Test 20 Section 1 no.5

Some customs travel well; often, however, behavior that is considered the epitome of _____ at home is perceived as impossibly rude or, at the least, harmlessly bizarre abroad.

- (A) novelty
- (B) eccentricity
- (C) urbanity
- (D) coarseness
- (E) tolerance

272. GRE Big Book Test 20 Section 1 no.6

The _____ of the early Greek philosophers' attempts to explain the operations of the cosmos led certain later thinkers to inquire into the _____ of human reason.

- (A) difficulty ... origin
- (B) meaning ... supremacy
- (C) complexity... reality
- (D) equivocations ... subtlety
- (E) failures ... efficacy

273. GRE Big Book Test 20 Section 1 no.7

Ever prey to vagrant impulses that impelled him to _____ his talents on a host of unworthy projects, his very _____ nonetheless enhanced his reputation, for the sheer energy of his extravagance dazzled observers.

- (A) undermine ... enthusiasm
- (B) isolate ... selectiveness
- (C) display ... affability
- (D) squander ... dissipation
- (E) implicate ... genius

BBDAC ED

274. GRE Big Book Test 20 Section 2 no.1

Given the existence of so many factions in the field, it was unrealistic of Anna Freud to expect any _____ of opinion.

- (A) freedom
- (B) reassessment
- (C) uniformity
- (D) expression
- (E) formation

275. GRE Big Book Test 20 Section 2 no.2

Although specific concerns may determine the intent of a research project, its results are often _____.

- (A) unanticipated
- (B) beneficial
- (C) expensive
- (D) spectacular
- (E) specialized

276. GRE Big Book Test 20 Section 2 no.3

To list Reilly's achievements in a fragmentary way is _____, for it distracts our attention from the _____ themes of her work.

- (A) unproductive ... disparate
- (B) misleading ... integrating
- (C) pragmatic ... comprehensive
- (D) logical ... important
- (E) inevitable ... unsettling

277. GRE Big Book Test 20 Section 2 no.4

People frequently denigrate books about recent catastrophes as morally _____ attempts to profit, from misfortune, but in my view our desire for such books, together with the venerable tradition to which they belong, _____ them.

- (A) inopportune ... encourages
- (B) fortuitous ... fosters
- (C) treacherous ... safeguards
- (D) despicable ... legitimizes
- (E) corrupt ... generates

278. GRE Big Book Test 20 Section 2 no.5

That many of the important laws of science were discovered during experiments designed to _____ other phenomena suggests that experimental results are the _____ of inevitable natural forces rather than of planning.

- (A) analyze ... foundations
- (B) disprove ... predecessors
- (C) alter ... adjuncts
- (D) illuminate ... consequence
- (E) verify ... essence

279. GRE Big Book Test 20 Section 2 no.6

Although in eighteenth-century England an active cultural life accompanied the beginnings of middleclass consumerism, the _____ of literacy was _____ with the rise of such consumerism in the different areas of the country.

- (A) repudiation ... reconciled
- (B) renewal ... inconsistent
- (C) promotion ... combined
- (D) spread ... compatible
- (E) degree ... uncorrelated

280. GRE Big Book Test 20 Section 2 no.7

The trainees were given copies of a finished manual to see whether they could themselves begin to _____ the inflexible, though tacit, rules for composing more of such instructional materials.

- (A) design
- (B) revise
- (C) disrupt
- (D) standardize
- (E) derive

CABDD EE

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281. GRE Big Book Test 21 Section 1 no.1

Many artists believe that successful imitation, far from being symptomatic of a lack of _____, is the first step in learning to be creative.

- (A) elegance
- (B) resolution
- (C) goodness
- (D) originality
- (E) sympathy

282. GRE Big Book Test 21 Section 1 no.2

As serious as she is about the bullfight, she does not allow respect to _____ her sense of whimsy when painting it.

- (A) inspire
- (B) provoke
- (C) suppress
- (D) attack
- (E) satisfy

283. GRE Big Book Test 21 Section 1 no.3

No one is _____ about Stephens; he inspires either uncritical adulation or profound _____ in those who work for him.

- (A) neutral ... antipathy
- (B) infuriated ... aversion
- (C) worried ... anxiety
- (D) enthusiastic ... veneration
- (E) apprehensive ... consternation

284. GRE Big Book Test 21 Section 1 no.4

Before about 1960, virtually all accounts of evolution assumed most adaptation to be a product of selection at the level of population; recent studies of evolution, however, have found no _____ this _____ view of selection.

- (A) departures from ... controversial
- (B) basis for ... pervasive
- (C) bias toward ... unchallenged
- (D) precursors of ... innovative
- (E) criticisms of ... renowned

285. GRE Big Book Test 21 Section 1 no.5

The new biological psychiatry does not deny the contributing role of psychological factors in mental illnesses, but posits that these factors may act as a catalyst on existing physiological conditions and _____ such illnesses.

- (A) disguise
- (B) impede
- (C) constrain
- (D) precipitate
- (E) consummate

286. GRE Big Book Test 21 Section 1 no.6

During periods of social and cultural stability, many art academies are so firmly controlled by _____ that all real creative work must be done by the _____.

- (A) dogmatists ... disenfranchised
- (B) managers ... reactionaries
- (C) reformers ... dissatisfied
- (D) imposters ... academicians
- (E) specialists ... elite

287. GRE Big Book Test 21 Section 1 no.7

The First World War began in a context of jargon and verbal delicacy and continued in a cloud of _____ as _____ as language and literature, skillfully used, could make it.

- (A) circumlocution ... literal
- (B) cliché ... lucid
- (C) euphemism ... impenetrable
- (D) particularity ... deliberate
- (E) subjectivity ... enthralling

DCABD AC

288. GRE Big Book Test 21 Section 2 no.1

Because no comprehensive _____ exist regarding personal reading practices, we do not know, for example, the greatest number of books read in an individual lifetime.

- (A) records
- (B) instincts
- (C) remedies
- (D) proposals
- (E) commercials

289. GRE Big Book Test 21 Section 2 no.2

In our corporation there is a _____ between male and female _____ because 73 percent of the men and 34 percent of the women polled believe that our company provides equal compensation to men and women.

- (A) contrast ... stereotypes
- (B) difference ... perceptions
- (C) variation ... salaries
- (D) resemblance ... employees
- (E) similarity ... aspirations

290. GRE Big Book Test 21 Section 2 no.3

The wonder of De Quincey is that although opium dominated his life, it never _____ him; indeed, he turned its use to _____ when he published the story of its influence in the London Magazine.

- (A) overcame ... altruism
- (B) intimidated ... triumph
- (C) distressed ... pleasure
- (D) conquered ... gain
- (E) released ... necessity

291. GRE Big Book Test 21 Section 2 no.4

The reduction of noise has been _____ in terms of _____ its sources, but the alternative of canceling noise out by adding sound with the opposite wave pattern may be more useful in practice.

- (A) justified ... diffusing
- (B) accomplished ... tracking
- (C) conceived ... concealing
- (D) explained ... isolating
- (E) approached ... eliminating

292. GRE Big Book Test 21 Section 2 no.5

While Parker is very outspoken on issues she cares about, she is not _____; she concedes the _____ of opposing arguments when they expose weaknesses inherent in her own.

- (A) fickle ... validity
- (B) arrogant ... restraint
- (C) fanatical ... strength
- (D) congenial ... incompatibility
- (E) unyielding ... speciousness

293. GRE Big Book Test 21 Section 2 no.6

Hampshire's assertions, far from showing that we can _____ the ancient puzzles about objectivity, reveal the issue to be even more than we had thought.

- (A) adapt ... pressing
- (B) dismiss ... relevant
- (C) rediscover ... unconventional
- (D) admire ... elusive
- (E) appreciate ... interesting

294. GRE Big Book Test 21 Section 2 no.7

Usually the first to spot data that were inconsistent with other findings, in this particular experiment she let a number of ____ results slip by.

- (A) inaccurate
- (B) verifiable
- (C) redundant
- (D) salient
- (E) anomalous

ABDEC BE

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295. GRE Big Book Test 22 Section 1 no.1

There is perhaps some truth in that waggish old definition of a scholar—a siren that calls attention to a fog without doing anything to _____ it.

- (A) describe
- (B) cause
- (C) analyze
- (D) dispel
- (E) thicken

296. GRE Big Book Test 22 Section 1 no.2

Cryogenic energy storage has the advantage of being suitable in any _____, regardless of geography or geology, factors that may _____ both underground gas storage and pumped hydroelectric storage.

- (A) location ... limit
- (B) climate ... deter
- (C) site ... forebode
- (D) proportion ... typify
- (E) surface ... hamper

297. GRE Big Book Test 22 Section 1 no.3

The newborn human infant is not a passive figure, nor an active one, but what might be called an actively _____ one, eagerly attentive as it is to sights and sounds.

- (A) adaptive
- (B) selective
- (C) inquisitive
- (D) receptive
- (E) intuitive

298. GRE Big Book Test 22 Section 1 no.4

Opponents of the expansion of the market economy, although in _____, continued to constitute _____ political force throughout the century.

- (A) error ... an inconsequential
- (B) retreat ... a powerful
- (C) disarray ... a disciplined
- (D) jeopardy ... an ineffective
- (E) command ... a viable

299. GRE Big Book Test 22 Section 1 no.5

Nature's energy efficiency often ____ human technology: despite the intensity of the light fireflies produce, the amount of heat is negligible; only recently have humans developed chemical light-producing systems whose efficiency ____ the firefly's system.

- (A) engenders manipulates
- (B) reflects simulates
- (C) outstrips rivals
- (D) inhibits matches
- (E) determines reproduces

300. GRE Big Book Test 22 Section 1 no.6

Scholars' sense of the uniqueness of the central concept of "the state" at the time when political science became an academic field quite naturally led to striving for a correspondingly _____ mode of study.

- (A) thorough
- (B) distinctive
- (C) dependable
- (D) scientific
- (E) dynamic

301. GRE Big Book Test 22 Section 1 no.7

Just as astrology was for centuries _____ faith, countering the strength of established churches, so today believing in astrology is an act of _____ the professional sciences.

- (A) an individual ... rebellion by
- (B) an accepted ... antagonism toward
- (C) an underground ... defiance against
- (D) a heretical ... support for
- (E) an unknown ... concern about

DADBC BC

302. GRE Big Book Test 22 Section 2 no.1

Despite the fact that the two council members belonged to different political parties, they _____ the issue of how to finance the town debt.

- (A) complicated
- (B) avoided
- (C) attested to
- (D) reported on
- (E) agreed on

303. GRE Big Book Test 22 Section 2 no.2

The breathing spell provided by the _____ arms shipments should give all the combatants a chance to reevaluate their positions.

- (A) plethora of
- (B) moratorium on
- (C) reciprocation of
- (D) concentration on
- (E) development of

304. GRE Big Book Test 22 Section 2 no.3

The notion that cultural and biological influences _____ determine cross-cultural diversity is discredited by the fact that, in countless aspects of human existence, it is cultural programming that overwhelmingly accounts for cross-population variance.

- (A) jointly
- (B) completely
- (C) directly
- (D) equally
- (E) eventually

305. GRE Big Book Test 22 Section 2 no.4

Because medieval women's public participation in spiritual life was not welcomed by the male establishment, a compensating _____ religious writings, inoffensive to the members of the establishment because of its _____, became important for many women.

- (A) involvement with ... privacy
- (B) attention to ... popularity
- (C) familiarity with ... scarcity
- (D) dissatisfaction with ... profundity
- (E) resistance to ... domesticity

306. GRE Big Book Test 22 Section 2 no.5

This final essay, its prevailing kindliness _____ by occasional flashes of savage irony, bespeaks the _____ character of the author.

- (A) illuminated ... imperturbable
- (B) marred ... dichotomous
- (C) untainted ... vindictive
- (D) exemplified ... chivalrous
- (E) diluted ... ruthless

307. GRE Big Book Test 22 Section 2 no.6

Although his attempts to appear psychotic were so _____ as to be almost _____, there is evidence that Ezra Pound was able to avoid standing trial for treason merely by faking symptoms of mental illness.

- (A) spontaneous ... amusing
- (B) contrived ... believable
- (C) clumsy ... ludicrous
- (D) stylized ... distressing
- (E) sporadic ... premeditated

308. GRE Big Book Test 22 Section 2 no.7

The _____ questions that consistently structure the study of history must be distinguished from merely _____ questions, which have their day and then pass into oblivion.

- (A) recurrent ... practical
- (B) instinctive ... factual
- (C) ingrained ... discriminating
- (D) philosophical ... random
- (E) perennial ... ephemeral

EBDAB CE

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309. GRE Big Book Test 23 Section 1 no.1

The natural balance between prey and predator has been increasingly _____, most frequently by human intervention.

- (A) celebrated
- (B) predicted
- (C) observed
- (D) disturbed
- (E) questioned

310. GRE Big Book Test 23 Section 1 no.2

There is some _____ the fact that the author of a book as sensitive and informed as Indian Artisans did not develop her interest in Native American art until adulthood, for she grew up in a region rich in American Indian culture.

- (A) irony in
- (B) satisfaction in
- (C) doubt about
- (D) concern about
- (E) presumptuousness in

311. GRE Big Book Test 23 Section 1 no.3

Ecology, like economics, concerns itself with the movement of valuable _____ through a complex network of producers and consumers.

- (A) commodities
- (B) dividends
- (C) communications
- (D) nutrients
- (E) artifacts

312. GRE Big Book Test 23 Section 1 no.4

Observable as a tendency of our culture is a _____ of _____ psychoanalysis: we no longer feel that it can solve our emotional problems.

- (A) divergence ... certainty about
- (B) confrontation ... enigmas in
- (C) withdrawal ... belief in
- (D) defense ... weaknesses in
- (E) failure ... rigor in

313. GRE Big Book Test 23 Section 1 no.5

The struggle of the generations is one of the obvious constants of human affairs; therefore, it may be presumptuous to suggest that the rivalry between young and old in Western society during the current decade is _____ critical.

- (A) perennially
- (B) disturbingly
- (C) uniquely
- (D) archetypally
- (E) captiously

314. GRE Big Book Test 23 Section 1 no.6

Rhetoric often seems to _____ over _____ reason in a heated debate, with both sides _____ in hyperbole.

- (A) cloud ... subsiding
- (B) prevail ... yielding
- (C) triumph ... engaging
- (D) reverberate ... clamoring
- (E) trample ... tangling

315. GRE Big Book Test 23 Section 1 no.7

Melodramas, which presented stark oppositions between innocence and criminality, virtue and corruption, good and evil, were popular precisely because they offered the audience a world _____ of _____.

- (A) bereft ... theatricality
- (B) composed ... adversity
- (C) full ... circumstantiality
- (D) deprived ... polarity
- (E) devoid ... neutrality

DAACC CE

316. GRE Big Book Test 23 Section 2 no.1

In the current research program, new varieties of apple trees are evaluated under different agricultural _____ for tree size, bloom density, fruit size, _____ to various soils, and resistance to pests and disease.

- (A) circumstances ... proximity
- (B) regulations ... conformity
- (C) conditions ... adaptability
- (D) auspices ... susceptibility
- (E) configurations ... propensity

317. GRE Big Book Test 23 Section 2 no.2

At first, I found her gravity rather intimidating; but, as I saw more of her, I found that _____ was very near the surface.

- (A) seriousness
- (B) confidence
- (C) laughter
- (D) poise
- (E) determination

318. GRE Big Book Test 23 Section 2 no.3

Even though in today's Soviet Union the _____ the Muslim clergy have been accorded power and privileges, the Muslim laity and the rank-and-file clergy still have little _____ to practice their religion.

- (A) practitioners among ... opportunity
- (B) dissidents within ... obligation
- (C) adversaries of ... inclination
- (D) leaders of ... latitude
- (E) traditionalists among ... incentive

319. GRE Big Book Test 23 Section 2 no.4

The proponents of recombinant DNA research have decided to _____ federal regulation of their work; they hope that by making this compromise they can forestall proposed state and local controls that might be even stiffer.

- (A) protest
- (B) institute
- (C) deny
- (D) encourage
- (E) disregard

320. GRE Big Book Test 23 Section 2 no.5

It is to the novelist's credit that all of presented realistically, without any _____ or playful supernatural tricks.

- (A) elucidation
- (B) discrimination
- (C) artlessness
- (D) authenticity
- (E) whimsy

321. GRE Big Book Test 23 Section 2 no.6

Our new tools of systems analysis, powerful though they may be, lead to _____ theories, especially, and predictably, in economics and political science, where productive approaches have long been highly _____.

- (A) pragmatic ... speculative
- (B) inelegant ... efficacious
- (C) explanatory ... intuitionist
- (D) wrongheaded ... convergent
- (E) simplistic ... elusive

322. GRE Big Book Test 23 Section 2 no.7

Nineteenth-century scholars, by examining earlier geometric Greek art, found that classical Greek art was not a magical _____ or a brilliant _____ blending Egyptian and Assyrian art, but was independently evolved by Greeks in Greece.

- (A) stratagem ... appropriation
- (B) exemplar ... synthesis
- (C) conversion ... annexation
- (D) paradigm ... construct
- (E) apparition ... amalgam

CCDDE EE

323. GRE Big Book Test 24 Section 1 no.1

Clearly refuting sceptics, researchers have _____ not only that gravitational radiation exists but that it also does exactly what theory _____ it should do.

- (A) doubted ... warranted
- (B) estimated ... accepted
- (C) demonstrated ... predicted
- (D) assumed ... deduced
- (E) supposed ... asserted

324. GRE Big Book Test 24 Section 1 no.2

Sponsors of the bill were _____ because there was no opposition to it within the legislature until after the measure had been signed into law.

- (A) unreliable
- (B) well-intentioned
- (C) persistent
- (D) relieved
- (E) detained

325. GRE Big Book Test 24 Section 1 no.3

The paradoxical aspect of the myths about Demeter, when we consider the predominant image of her as a tranquil and serene goddess, is her _____ search for her daughter.

- (A) extended
- (B) agitated
- (C) comprehensive
- (D) motiveless
- (E) heartless

326. GRE Big Book Test 24 Section 1 no.4

Yellow fever, the disease that killed 4,000 Philadelphians in 1793, and so _____ Memphis, Tennessee, that the city lost its charter, has reappeared after nearly two decades in _____ in the Western Hemisphere.

- (A) terrorized ... contention
- (B) ravaged ... secret
- (C) disabled ... quarantine
- (D) corrupted ... quiescence
- (E) decimated ... abeyance

327. GRE Big Book Test 24 Section 1 no.5

Although _____, almost self-effacing in his private life, he displays in his plays and essays a strong _____ publicity and controversy.

- (A) conventional ... interest in
- (B) monotonous ... reliance on
- (C) shy ... aversion toward
- (D) retiring ... penchant for
- (E) evasive ... impatience with

328. GRE Big Book Test 24 Section 1 no.6

Comparatively few rock musicians are willing to laugh at themselves, although a hint of _____ can boost sales of video clips very nicely.

- (A) self-deprecation
- (B) congeniality
- (C) cynicism
- (D) embarrassment
- (E) self-doubt

329. GRE Big Book Test 24 Section 1 no.7

Parts of seventeenth-century Chinese pleasure gardens were not necessarily intended to look _____; they were designed expressly to evoke the melancholy resulting from a sense of the _____ of natural beauty and human glory.

- (A) beautiful ... immutability
- (B) cheerful ... transitoriness
- (C) colorful ... abstractness
- (D) luxuriant ... simplicity
- (E) conventional ... wildness

CDBED AB

330. GRE Big Book Test 24 Section 2 no.1

Since it is now _____ to build the complex central processing unit of a computer on a single silicon chip using photolithography and chemical etching, it seems plausible that other miniature structures might be fabricated in _____ ways.

- (A) unprecedented ... undiscovered
- (B) difficult ... related
- (C) permitted ... unique
- (D) mandatory ... congruent
- (E) routine ... similar

331. GRE Big Book Test 24 Section 2 no.2

Given the evidence of Egyptian and Babylonian _____ later Greek civilization, it would be incorrect to view the work of Greek scientists as an entirely independent creation.

- (A) disdain for
- (B) imitation of
- (C) ambivalence about
- (D) deference to
- (E) influence on

332. GRE Big Book Test 24 Section 2 no.3

Laws do not ensure social order since laws can always be _____, which makes them _____ unless the authorities have the will and the power to detect and punish wrongdoing.

- (A) contested ... provisional
- (B) circumvented ... antiquated
- (C) repealed ... vulnerable
- (D) violated ... ineffective
- (E) modified ... unstable

333. GRE Big Book Test 24 Section 2 no.4

Since she believed him to be both candid and trustworthy, she refused to consider the possibility that his statement had been _____.

- (A) irrelevant
- (B) facetious
- (C) mistaken
- (D) critical
- (E) insincere

334. GRE Big Book Test 24 Section 2 no.5

Ironically, the party leaders encountered no greater _____ their efforts to build a progressive party than the _____ of the progressives already elected to the legislature.

- (A) support for ... advocacy
- (B) threat to ... promise
- (C) benefit from ... success
- (D) obstacle to ... resistance
- (E) praise for ... reputation

335. GRE Big Book Test 24 Section 2 no.6

It is strange how words shape our thoughts and trap us at the bottom of deeply _____ canyons of thinking, their imprisoning sides carved out by the _____ of past usage.

- (A) cleaved ... eruptions
- (B) rooted ... flood
- (C) incised ... river
- (D) ridged ... ocean
- (E) notched ... mountains

336. GRE Big Book Test 24 Section 2 no.7

That his intransigence in making decisions _____ no open disagreement from any quarter was well known; thus, clever subordinates learned the art of _____ their opinions in casual remarks.

- (A) elicited ... quashing
- (B) engendered ... recasting
- (C) brooked ... intimating
- (D) embodied ... instigating
- (E) forbore ... emending

EEDED CC

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337. GRE Big Book Test 25 Section 1 no.1

Hydrogen is the _____ element of the universe in that it provides the building blocks from which the other elements are produced.

- (A) steadiest
- (B) expendable
- (C) lightest
- (D) final
- (E) fundamental

338. GRE Big Book Test 25 Section 1 no.2

Few of us take the pains to study our cherished convictions; indeed, we almost have a natural _____ doing so.

- (A) aptitude for
- (B) repugnance to
- (C) interest in
- (D) ignorance of
- (E) reaction after

339. GRE Big Book Test 25 Section 1 no.3

It is his dubious distinction to have proved what nobody would think of denying, that Romero at the age of sixty-four writes with all the characteristics of _____.

- (A) maturity
- (B) fiction
- (C) inventiveness
- (D) art
- (E) brilliance

340. GRE Big Book Test 25 Section 1 no.4

The primary criterion for _____ a school is its recent performance: critics are _____ to extend credit for earlier victories.

- (A) evaluating ... prone
- (B) investigating ... hesitant
- (C) judging ... reluctant
- (D) improving ... eager
- (E) administering ... persuaded

341. GRE Big Book Test 25 Section 1 no.5

Number theory is rich in problems of an especially _____ sort: they are tantalizingly simple to state but _____ difficult to solve.

- (A) cryptic ... deceptively
- (B) spurious ... equally
- (C) abstruse ... ostensibly
- (D) elegant ... rarely
- (E) vexing ... notoriously

342. GRE Big Book Test 25 Section 1 no.6

In failing to see that the justice's pronouncement merely _____ previous decisions rather than actually establishing a precedent, the novice law clerk _____ the scope of the justice's judgment.

- (A) synthesized ... limited
- (B) overturned ... misunderstood
- (C) endorsed ... nullified
- (D) qualified ... overemphasized
- (E) recapitulated ... defined

343. GRE Big Book Test 25 Section 1 no.7

When theories formerly considered to be _____ in their scientific objectivity are found instead to reflect a consistent observational and evaluative bias, then the presumed neutrality of science gives way to the recognition that categories of knowledge are human _____.

- (A) disinterested ... constructions
- (B) callous ... errors
- (C) verifiable ... prejudices
- (D) convincing ... imperatives
- (E) unassailable ... fantasies

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344. GRE Big Book Test 25 Section 2 no.1

Although the minuet appeared simple, its _____ steps had to be studied very carefully before they could be gracefully _____ in public.

- (A) progressive ... revealed
- (B) intricate ... executed
- (C) rudimentary ... allowed
- (D) minute ... discussed
- (E) entertaining ... stylized

345. GRE Big Book Test 25 Section 2 no.2

The results of the experiments performed by Elizabeth Hazen and Rachel Brown were _____ not only because these results challenged old assumptions but also because they called the _____ methodology into question.

- (A) provocative ... prevailing
- (B) predictable ... contemporary
- (C) inconclusive ... traditional
- (D) intriguing ... projected
- (E) specious ... original

346. GRE Big Book Test 25 Section 2 no.3

Despite the _____ of many of their colleagues, some scholars have begun to emphasize “pop culture” as a key for _____ the myths, hopes, and fears of contemporary society.

- (A) antipathy ... entangling
- (B) discernment ... evaluating
- (C) pedantry ... reinstating
- (D) skepticism ... deciphering
- (E) enthusiasm ... symbolizing

347. GRE Big Book Test 25 Section 2 no.4

In the seventeenth century, direct flouting of a generally accepted system of values was regarded as _____, even as a sign of madness.

- (A) adventurous
- (B) frivolous
- (C) willful
- (D) impermissible
- (E) irrational

348. GRE Big Book Test 25 Section 2 no.5

Queen Elizabeth I has quite correctly been called a _____ of the arts, because many young artists received her patronage.

- (A) connoisseur
- (B) critic
- (C) friend
- (D) scourge
- (E) judge

349. GRE Big Book Test 25 Section 2 no.6

Because outlaws were denied _____ under medieval law, anyone could raise a hand against them with legal _____.

- (A) propriety ... authority
- (B) protection ... impunity
- (C) collusion ... consent
- (D) rights ... collaboration
- (E) provisions ... validity

350. GRE Big Book Test 25 Section 2 no.7

Rather than enhancing a country's security, the successful development of nuclear weapons could serve at first to increase that country's _____.

- (A) boldness
- (B) influence
- (C) responsibility
- (D) moderation
- (E) vulnerability

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351. GRE Big Book Test 26 Section 1 no.1

The Chinese, who began systematic astronomical and weather observations shortly after the ancient Egyptians, were assiduous record-keepers, and because of this, can claim humanity's longest continuous _____ of natural events.

- (A) defiance
- (B) documentation
- (C) maintenance
- (D) theory
- (E) domination

352. GRE Big Book Test 26 Section 1 no.2

Because many of the minerals found on the clean floor are still _____ on land, where mining is relatively inexpensive, mining the ocean floor has yet to become a _____ enterprise.

- (A) scarce ... common
- (B) accessible ... marginal
- (C) unidentified ... subsidized
- (D) conserved ... public
- (E) plentiful ... profitable

353. GRE Big Book Test 26 Section 1 no.3

The valedictory address, as it has developed in American colleges and universities over the years, has become a very strict form, a literary _____ that permits very little _____.

- (A) text ... clarity
- (B) work ... tradition
- (C) genre ... deviation
- (D) oration ... grandiloquence
- (E) achievement ... rigidity

354. GRE Big Book Test 26 Section 1 no.4

A human being is quite _____ creature, for the gloss of rationality that covers his or her fears and _____ is thin and often easily breached.

- (A) a logical ... problems
- (B) a frail ... insecurity
- (C) a valiant ... phobias
- (D) an ambitious ... morality
- (E) a ludicrous ... laughter

355. GRE Big Book Test 26 Section 1 no.5

Although the passage of years has softened the initially hostile reaction to his poetry, even now only a few independent observers _____ his works.

- (A) praise
- (B) revile
- (C) scrutinize
- (D) criticize
- (E) neglect

356. GRE Big Book Test 26 Section 1 no.6

Unlike philosophers who constructed theoretically ideal states, she built a theory based on _____; thus, although her constructs may have been inelegant, they were _____ sound.

- (A) reality ... aesthetically
- (B) intuition ... intellectually
- (C) surmise ... scientifically
- (D) experience ... empirically
- (E) conjecture ... factually

357. GRE Big Book Test 26 Section 1 no.7

Once a duckling has identified a parent, then instinctive bond becomes a powerful _____ for additional learning since, by _____ the parent, the duckling can acquire further information that is not genetically transmitted.

- (A) impulse ... surpassing
- (B) referent ... recognizing
- (C) force ... acknowledging
- (D) inspiration ... emulating
- (E) channel ... mimicking

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358. GRE Big Book Test 26 Section 2 no.1

Nearly two-thirds of the country's mushroom crop is produced by 160 growers in a single county, the greatest _____ growers anywhere.

- (A) cause of
- (B) agreement among
- (C) indication of
- (D) interaction between
- (E) concentration of

359. GRE Big Book Test 26 Section 2 no.2

The disjunction between educational objectives that stress independence and individuality and those that emphasize obedience to rules and cooperation with others reflects a _____ that arises from the values on which these objectives are based.

- (A) conflict
- (B) redundancy
- (C) gain
- (D) predictability
- (E) wisdom

360. GRE Big Book Test 26 Section 2 no.3

It is _____ for a government to fail to do whatever it can to eliminate a totally _____ disease.

- (A) folly ... innocuous
- (B) irresponsible ... preventable
- (C) crucial ... fatal
- (D) instinctive ... devastating
- (E) detrimental ... insignificant

361. GRE Big Book Test 26 Section 2 no.4

Dramatic literature often _____ the history of a culture in that it takes as its subject matter the important events that have shaped and guided the culture.

- (A) confounds
- (B) repudiates
- (C) recapitulates
- (D) anticipates
- (E) polarizes

362. GRE Big Book Test 26 Section 2 no.5

The legislators of 1563 realized the _____ of trying to regulate the flow of labor without securing its reasonable remuneration, and so the second part of the statute dealt with establishing wages.

- (A) intricacy
- (B) anxiety
- (C) futility
- (D) necessity
- (E) decadence

363. GRE Big Book Test 26 Section 2 no.6

Scientists who are on the cutting edge of research must often violate common sense and make seemingly _____ assumptions because existing theories simply do not _____ newly observed phenomena.

- (A) radical ... confirm
- (B) vague ... incorporate
- (C) absurd ... explain
- (D) mistaken ... reveal
- (E) inexact ... corroborate

364. GRE Big Book Test 26 Section 2 no.7

The _____ with which the French aristocracy greeted the middle-class Rousseau was all the more because he showed so little respect for them.

- (A) deference ... remarkable
- (B) suspicion ... uncanny
- (C) reserve ... unexpected
- (D) anger ... ironic
- (E) appreciation ... deserved

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365. GRE Big Book Test 27 Section 1 no.1

Agronomists are increasingly worried about “desertification,” the phenomenon that is turning many of the world’s _____ fields and pastures into _____ wastelands, unable to support the people living on them.

- (A) fertile ... barren
- (B) productive ... blooming
- (C) arid ... thriving
- (D) poorest ... marginal
- (E) largest ... saturated

366. GRE Big Book Test 27 Section 1 no.2

Old beliefs die hard: even when jobs became _____ the long-standing fear that unemployment could return at a moment’s notice _____.

- (A) vacant ... perished
- (B) easier ... changed
- (C) plentiful ... persisted
- (D) protected ... subsided
- (E) available ... receded

367. GRE Big Book Test 27 Section 1 no.3

Intellectual _____ and flight from boredom have caused him to rush pell-mell into situations that less spirits might hesitate to approach.

- (A) restlessness ... adventurous
- (B) agitation ... passive
- (C) resilience ... quiescent
- (D) tranquility ... versatile
- (E) curiosity ... lethargic

368. GRE Big Book Test 27 Section 1 no.4

Science advances in _____ spiral in that each new conceptual scheme—the phenomena explained by its predecessors and adds to those explanations.

- (A) a discontinuous ... decries
- (B) a repetitive ... vitiates
- (C) a widening ... embraces
- (D) an anomalous ... captures
- (E) an explosive ... questions

369. GRE Big Book Test 27 Section 1 no.5

Politeness is not a _____ attribute of human behavior, but rather a central virtue, one whose very existence is increasingly being _____ by the faddish requirement to “speak one’s mind.”

- (A) superficial ... threatened
- (B) pervasive ... undercut
- (C) worthless ... forestalled
- (D) precious ... repudiated
- (E) trivial ... affected

370. GRE Big Book Test 27 Section 1 no.6

The painting was larger than it appeared to be, for, hanging in a darkened recess of the chapel; it was _____ by the perspective.

- (A) improved
- (B) aggrandized
- (C) embellished
- (D) jeopardized
- (E) diminished

371. GRE Big Book Test 27 Section 1 no.7

Because folk art is neither completely rejected nor accepted as an art form by art historians, their final evaluations of it necessarily remain _____.

- (A) arbitrary
- (B) estimable
- (C) orthodox
- (D) unspoken
- (E) equivocal

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372. GRE Big Book Test 27 Section 2 no.1

Because it is _____ to _____ all the business costs related to employee discontent, an accurate estimate of the magnitude of these costs is not easily calculated.

- (A) difficult ... measure
- (B) impossible ... justify
- (C) improper ... overlook
- (D) useless ... discover
- (E) necessary ... pinpoint

373. GRE Big Book Test 27 Section 2 no.2

Consider the universal cannibalism of the sea, all of whose creatures _____ one another.

- (A) hide from
- (B) ferret out
- (C) prey on
- (D) glide among
- (E) compete against

374. GRE Big Book Test 27 Section 2 no.3

How could words, confined as they individually are to certain _____ meanings specified in a dictionary, eventually come, when combined in groups, to create obscurity and actually to prevent thought from being _____?

- (A) indefinite ... articulated
- (B) conventional ... conceivable
- (C) unlikely ... classified
- (D) archaic ... expressed
- (E) precise ... communicable

375. GRE Big Book Test 27 Section 2 no.4

Even though they tended to be _____ strangers, fifteenth-century Europeans did not automatically associate _____ and danger.

- (A) trusting of ... diversity
- (B) haughty with ... nonconformity
- (C) interested in ... enmity
- (D) antagonistic to ... rudeness
- (E) hostile to ... foreignness

376. GRE Big Book Test 27 Section 2 no.5

The modern age is a permissive one in which things can be said explicitly, but the old tradition of _____ dies hard.

- (A) garrulousness
- (B) exaggeration
- (C) excoriation
- (D) bombast
- (E) euphemism

377. GRE Big Book Test 27 Section 2 no.6

Although many findings of the Soviet and United States probes of Venus were complementary, the two sets of atmospheric results clearly could not be _____ without a major change of data or _____.

- (A) obtained ... experimentation
- (B) completed ... position
- (C) matched ... implementation
- (D) reconciled ... interpretation
- (E) produced ... falsification

378. GRE Big Book Test 27 Section 2 no.7

While it is assumed that the mechanization of work has a _____ effect on the lives of workers, there is evidence available to suggest that, on the contrary, mechanization has served to _____ some of the traditional roles of women.

- (A) salutary ... improve
- (B) dramatic ... undermine
- (C) benign ... revise
- (D) debilitating ... weaken
- (E) revolutionary ... reinforce

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